

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Tuesday, July 31, 2018/Shravana 9, 1940 (Saka)

(Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers;
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Food Processing Industries; Heavy
Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs;
Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment)

(कृषि और किसान कल्याण; रसायन और उर्वरक; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण;
खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग; भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम; गृह; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; संसदीय कार्य;
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 230

Illegal Encroachment on Reserved Land

2071. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
decided to evict illegal encroachers from
the reserved land;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in
eviction of these illegal dwellers across the
country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any
proposal to rehabilitate these illegal
dwellers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not,
the reasons therefor?

Attack on Minority Community

2072. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
failed to stop or credibly investigate vigilant
attacks against minority religious
communities in the country and if so, the
details thereof;

(b) whether these attacks are ultra-
nationalism at the expense of fundamental
rights for all Indians and if so, the details
thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by
the Government to reduce/stop these
attacks;

(d) the number of such attacks
reported during the last three years and
the current year, State-wise;

(e) whether these attacks on minority
communities have cost negatively for
the country at the international forums;
and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Legislation against Torture

2073. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
informed the Supreme Court that it will
consider the recommendations of the 273rd
Report of the Law Commission of India to
enact a standalone legislation prohibiting
torture;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the
Government to implement these
recommendations; and

(c) the timeline being outlined by the
Government for the introduction of a Bill
prohibiting torture?

Outstanding amount to Sugarcane Farmers

†2074. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken
any steps to solve the problem of excessive
outstanding amount of the farmers for their
sugarcane caused due to cash crunch of
sugar mills and also approved a central

package for sugar mill and if so, the details
thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the
sugarcane arrears have now crossed
Rs. 22,000 crore on the back of record sugar
production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the market price of sugar
is falling continuously because of its
excessive production at present and
possibility of high production in future; and

(d) if so, whether any concrete step
has been taken by the Government in this
regard and if so, the details thereof?

Bangladeshi Infiltrators

2075. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh
has agreed to take back the infiltrators who
are in various detention camps in the North-
Eastern States;

(b) if so, the number of deported illegal
immigrant in such camps;

(c) the details of proposals from the
Bangladesh Government to take back the
illegal migrants from the country; and

(d) the time by which the migrants
would return back to Bangladesh?

Ratification of Convention on Torture

2076. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to ratify the "United Nations Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading treatment or Punishment" as suggested in the Law Commission Report;

(b) the number of cases where India was denied extradition of criminals from foreign countries on the grounds that there is danger of torture in India;

(c) the details of the cases where a Public Official has been charged for inflicting torture on another person and the action taken against the official; and

(d) the reasons for ratifying the Convention twenty years after India became a signatory to the Convention in October, 1997?

Data on Social and Economic Backward Classes

†2077. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any data regarding socially and economically backward classes is available in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to collect data to identify such classes for successful implementation of various development schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the norms for such identification?

Individual Household Latrine

2078. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Individual Household Latrine have been constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban); and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Kerala, West Bengal and Maharashtra?

Drinking Water Facility in Urban Areas

2079. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:zz

(a) whether the Government is committed to provide clean drinking water to all households in urban areas within a certain time frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of urban households who have access to clean drinking water facilities; and

(d) the increase in the percentage of urban households having access to clean drinking water facilities during each of the last three years?

Swachh Bharat Mission

†2080. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the urban areas are lagging behind under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) compared to rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Procurement of Mineral Fertilizers

†2081. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of mineral fertilizers in the country and it is dependent on import of raw fertilizer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a consortium of public and private parties for procurement of mineral fertilizers along with building of mineral reserves to meet the aforesaid shortage; and

(d) if so, the details of efforts made in this regard?

Urban Poor

2082. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of urban poor in the country at present including migrants;

(b) whether urban poor/migrants living in various metropolitan cities and cities are

covered under JNNURM and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has held any fruitful discussion with Ministry of Labour and Employment for providing social security to these people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial Assistance to Disabled Children

†2083. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for providing financial assistance to the disabled children/persons and their family members in the country particularly in Jammu and Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh is under consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Checking of Frauds in Gold Jewellers

†2084. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether putting a check on the fraudulent practices being done with regard to the purity of gold jewellery is under active consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Facilities to Women Prisoners

2085. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether women prisoners lodged in different jails are often deprived of basic needs like medical facilities, sanitary napkins, education facilities and even legal awareness;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry in association with the National Commission for Women (NCW), is planning to introduce new jail reforms;

(d) if so, the time by which these reforms are likely to come into force;

(e) whether the Government has undertaken any projects to provide sanitary napkins or menstrual cups to women prisoners for maintenance of health and hygiene; and

(f) if so, whether the same will be distributed free of cost and if so, the details thereof?

Rearing of Ornamental Fishes

2086. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued an order barring rearing and exchange of ornamental fishes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have enacted laws to control production and protection of fisheries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the said order impinges on the right of the persons to engage in production and marketing of fishes and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to review the order in consultation with the State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

Complaints on National Consumer Helpline

†2087. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who did online shopping in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total amount incurred by people and purchase of goods through e-commerce;

(c) the number of complaints received by National Consumer Helpline during the last three years;

(d) the number of complaints redressed out of these;

(e) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government to create awareness among consumers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of Transgenders

2088. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the status of eligibility/suitability of transgender persons for appointment to all types of posts in public/private services;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the percentage of transgender persons in public services and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to protect transgender persons from discrimination in employment, mis-treatment and working conditions, etc.?

Metro Projects

2089. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved in principle, five metro projects across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that all these five metro projects would involve a sum of Rs. 1.07 lakh crore; and

(d) if so, the cost involved on each metro project?

Wheat and Rice Stock with FCI

2090. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of wheat and rice stock with the Food Corporation of India (FCI)?

National Policy for Farmers

2091. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had observed in 2015 that Committing suicides by farmers is increasing in the country and asked the centre to take a relook at its national policy for farmers as it has failed to address the agrarian crisis, forcing distressed cultivators to end their lives, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(b) whether nearly 12,198 farmers committed suicides every year and if so, the details thereof and the various radical measures taken and the agricultural reforms adopted and implemented to end farmers' suicides in the country as on date;

(c) the main and important features of recommendations of the M.S. Swaminathan Committee in the field of agriculture in the country; and

(d) the details of the recommendations which are implemented as on date?

Schemes of NBCFDC

2092. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) is operating various financial inclusion schemes for welfare of OBCs;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated under each of the schemes along with the physical progress/achievements during the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of proposals received, sanctioned and pending under each of the scheme during the last two years, State-wise;

(d) the details of complaints received regarding each scheme and the action taken thereon during the said period, State-wise;

(e) whether most of the people belonging to backward classes have not been able to avail the schemes of NBCFDC due to lack of awareness and publicity in mass media, if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto; and

(f) the other corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Food Security Law

2093. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the digitization of the data of PDS beneficiaries, facility for online grievances redressal, toll free helplines, installation of Point of Sale (PoS) machines, online capturing of transaction are key reforms to be undertaken for effective implementation of the food security law;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the States have been asked to implement the above on a war footing basis and if so, the details thereof?

Production of Clones of Elite Buffaloes/Bulls

2094. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in collaboration with National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) is on the process of producing 25 clones of elite buffaloes/bulls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which these 25 clones of bulls will be produced; and

(d) the total budget estimate in this regard?

Development of Warehousing Zones

2095. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to develop warehousing zones/ logistics and warehousing hubs under the Master Plan of Delhi as the forecasted housing demand in Delhi is 1.6 million dwelling units over the next one and half decades and Delhi is also a trading hub and trans-shipment point for goods traded between States and its North and South;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the logistics business grows on the 'Hub & Spoke' model of distribution/redistribution and any zones/ areas is marked for development of this critical sector; and

(d) whether confluence areas would be created within Delhi wherein modes of transportation like road, rail, air, metro and local transportation converge and if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Full Body Protector for Troops

2096. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide full body protection for troops in the Kashmir valley;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of the CRPF personnel are hit either in face, neck or legs during stone pelting incidents;

(d) whether it is also true that several personnel end up needing surgeries; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Improvement in Infrastructure of Fishing Ports

2097. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken by the Government to improve the infrastructure of various fishing ports, so far;

(b) whether the Government is ready to sanction funds under Sagarmala project for the renovation works at Tottappally and Arthungal fishing harbours in Kerala;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has made any agreement with the Ministry of Shipping; and

(d) if so, whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Surrender of DDA Flats

2098. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL

VIJAYSINH

SHANKARRAO:

SHRI DHANANJAY

MAHADIK:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of DDA flats surrendered by the allottees of the housing schemes of 2014 and 2017;

(b) whether the DDA has written to paramilitary forces to use these flats to accommodate their staff;

(c) if so, whether the paramilitary forces bought only few flats and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether keeping these flats unoccupied for long time would incur huge losses to DDA and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the DDA has any plan to offer these dwelling units to public sector undertakings and Government departments and if so, the response thereto?

National Urban Livelihood Mission

2099. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has disbursed more than 2000 crores of rupees to the States under the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) for construction of new shelters;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and year-wise;

(c) whether the funds allocated has not been utilized by the States for the purposes for which it was disbursed;

(d) if so, whether the Supreme Court has directed the State and Union Government to conduct a C&AG audit in this regard;

(e) if so, whether the Government has conducted the audit; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof and the steps taken or being taken by Government to ensure that the allocated fund is utilized for the said purpose?

Coastal Police Stations

2100. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coastal police stations presently functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken by the Government for strengthening coastal police stations and the amount extended to the coastal police stations during the last four years;

(c) the details of coastal police stations sanctioned but yet to start functioning and the present status of the same, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more coastal police stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Trade of Generic Medicines

2101. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's share in the global trade of generic pharmaceuticals;

(b) the total quantity and value of production of generic pharmaceuticals along with the quantity and value of such products exported and imported during the last three years and the current year, category-wise;

(c) the share of generic and non-generic medicines to the total sales of medicines in the country including in the Government hospitals; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the use of generic medicines and the outcome of such steps, if any?

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

2102. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much publicized Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) had not provided relief to the helpless farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of tillers the State Governments and Union Government have to pay under the scheme along with the percentage of share of the Union and State Governments;

(c) the details of the total claims received by the Insurance companies for the Kharif season in 2016; and

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for settling the claim of the affected farmers to avoid any delay in settlement of claim payments and if so, the details thereof?

Outsourcing of Tenders

2103. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to abide by the prequalification criteria in outsourcing category tenders in CPWD Works Manual 2014, when there is a huge loss to Government exchequers on account of the policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are thousands of contractors in class I categories and thousands in other category who are eligible to construct buildings but are not qualified to maintain them as per policy quoted in CPWD Work Manual 2014;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the number of contractors eligible in the prequalifying criteria for the tenders limit of 10, 20, 30 and 40 crore in outsourcing category till December 2017 along with the reasons for outsourcing by CPWD when there was less than five competitors in the market?

Loan for OBC Students through NBCFDC

2104. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) who applied for loan with the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to pursue education during each of the last three years, State-wise particularly in Gujarat and Karnataka and sector-wise;

(b) the details of the students getting loan to pursue education during the above period, State and sector-wise;

(c) the details of the students who applied and got loan to study abroad during the said period, State and sector-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the OBC students are facing lots of difficulties in getting such education loan; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/being taken to redress the grievances?

Removal of Communalism

†2105. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to remove communalism, casteism, linguistic violence and regionalism in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Honor Killings

2106. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents of honor killing reported from various States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has directed the States to identify the places which are vulnerable to honor killings and to create special cells with a 24-hour helpline; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the States thereon, State-wise?

Arrears on Loan Subsidy

2107. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending arrears on loan subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), State-wise including Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to release the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in release of loan subsidy under the PMAY?

Alcohol Production

†2108. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of FOOD
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is the largest producer of alcohol in the world and its production is rising day by day;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to reduce the production of alcohol; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

AP Reorganisation Act, 2014

2109. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Twelfth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, mandates the Government to settle matters relating to coal, oil and natural gas and power generation, transmission and distribution between the two States;

(b) if so, the reasons for not fixing a time-frame and settlement of the said issues;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has referred the issue relating to Singareni Collieries under Section 66 of the AP Reorganisation Act to the Union Government for resolution; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in resolving the issue?

National Sports Centres for Divyangs

2110. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up National Sports Centres for Divyangs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such centres proposed to be set up and the locations identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Bihar along with the funds allocated in this regard; and

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government to empower Divyangs in the country?

Distribution of Wheat and Rice under PDS

†2111. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice and wheat distributed to Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh through Public Distribution System under BPL, APL and AAY during the last three years;

(b) the details of the quantum of wheat and rice allocated under the regular and *ad hoc* schemes separately;

(c) whether the *ad hoc* quota of rice and wheat have not been released to Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh by the Union Government and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government is ready to release the central share for this period and if so, the details thereof?

Agreement with Denmark for Cooperation in Dairy Sector

†2112. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Denmark for cooperation in the fields of animal husbandry and dairying;

(b) if so, the main features of the said agreement; and

(c) the manner in which the said agreement is likely to be beneficial for animal husbandry sector in the country?

Growth in Demand of Retail Food

2113. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth of personal and home care consumption has crossed the demand for retail food categories in the country;

(b) if so the comparative growth value in case of urban and rural areas and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the demand for items of food categories is consistently lower than that of other FMCG; and

(d) if so, the proposal of the Government for revival of food products both in urban and rural markets?

Lack of Adequate Infrastructure in Dairies

2114. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of adequate infrastructure in the dairies in the country and there is no proper space for animals, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is common to inject these cattle with Oxytocin, a prescription drug to boost milk production, sometimes two-three times a day, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the newborn male calves are separated from their mothers to prevent them from drinking their mother's milk and are also illegally sent to slaughter houses in many States violating all the existing guidelines in this regard and there is no proper supervision/enforcement agencies to prevent such situation in all the States and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Welfare Schemes for Deaf and Dumb Students

2115. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for the deaf and dumb students, both boys and girls in the country;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the deaf and dumb students to study along with the other welfare measures from class 1 to Under Graduate/ Post Graduate or any professional courses; and

(c) the details of the schools available for deaf and dumb students in the country, State/UT-wise?

NFSM-Coarse

2116. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria for selection of districts which are included under NFSM-Coarse cereals list;

(b) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of districts under the Mission in Odisha to include Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Sundargarh districts due to their large acreage under maize and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the pattern of assistance given under the scheme for seed subsidy in

case of pulse seed has been increased in keeping with the rising seed cost of pulses and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to enhance subsidy for pulse seeds and for Water use Efficiency tools to encourage use of sprinklers, pumpsets, rainguns, etc. in Left-Wing Extremism affected districts?

Ban on Cow Slaughter

†2117. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a constitutional bench of the Supreme Court in its judgement passed in October, 2005 had justified the decision of the complete ban on cow slaughter in one State of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States of the country wherein there is a complete ban on cow slaughter along with those where such ban is not in vogue as on date;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enact a law to impose a complete ban on cow slaughter across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Foodgrains Preservation/Storage

2118. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to introduce state-of-the-art technology in foodgrains preservation and protection, distribution and supply to the poorest people in rural/remote areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the methods adopted by the Government to minimise wastage of foodgrains, pulses and other food items due to poor storage facilities, lack of technology, rotting and destruction by pests and rats etc.; and

(c) the funds allocated to Karnataka for strengthening and development of the Central godowns for CWC and FCI as well as the godowns of State/private sector for the last three financial years?

Pathetic Condition of Prisons

†2119. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of most of the prisons in the country is pathetic and the number of prisoners lodged therein is more than the capacity of the prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and utilised for the modernisation of prisons in the

country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal for construction of more prisons in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for the modernisation of prisons; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise including Chhattisgarh along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Benefits of Schemes to Farmers

2120. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's schemes are helping only the rich farmers and the one who really deserve help do not even qualify for loans and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether very few farmers get the right price for their produce and the calculation of MSP needs to be done honestly and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether farmers who after getting the loans waived once, default the next time, and get debarred from all other Government benefits; and

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to bring out any plans

to address these issues and if so, the details thereof?

Technology in Food Processing Sector

2121. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken certain steps to enhance the technologies in food processing and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has approved 100% FDI for trading including through e-commerce, of food products manufactured in India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether FDI in trading of food products manufactured or produced in India will bring value addition to farm produce, curb fluctuations in prices, raise farmers' income and reduce post-harvest losses; and

(d) whether any MoUs have been signed to boost trading of food products made or produced in India and if so, the details thereof?

Installation of Lifts

2122. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by the Government for installation of lifts in apartment buildings and other housing facilities;

(b) whether the Government has imposed any mandate and/or penalty on building contractors for installing lifts without minimum power backup and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any guidelines for inhibiting underage children from navigating lifts alone at housing facilities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether presence of an operator in the lift to assist with emergency situations is mandatory and if so, the details thereof?

Innovative Technologies for Housing Projects

2123. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to invite ideas for innovative technologies for mass housing projects that can help build houses faster, cheaper and of better quality with sustainable green materials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the selected technologies are likely to be tried and tested to be found suitable to geographical conditions of six different urban areas selected across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of Agricultural Produce below Production Cost

2124. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to bring agricultural produces like paddy, wheat, potato and onion under the minimum support price mechanism;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for which farmers are constrained to sell their produces at prices lower than their production cost and to commit suicide along with the details of action plan formulated by the Government in this regard to protect the interest of the farmers?

Re-development of Government Colonies

2125. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing re-development plans of Government colonies in New Delhi;

(b) the agencies involved in the re-development plan;

(c) whether the percentage of flats earmarked for private players is leasehold or freehold; and

(d) if leasehold, the tenure of the leasehold?

Integrated Transmission System

†2126. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the integrated transmission system of sewerage for Narmada and Bharuch districts of Gujarat is being funded by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take the assistance of any foreign agency to set up sewerage system in Narmada and Bharuch districts of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Foodgrain Stocks

2127. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the foodgrain stocks and the buffer norms in the country, grain-wise;

(b) whether the foodgrain stocks have declined and are likely to decline further due to severe drought in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to ensure adequate stocks in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to import wheat in view of its shortage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cess on Sugar

2128. SHRI A.

ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to impose cess on sugar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the levying cess on sugar has been referred to the Ministry of Law for its opinion on the legality of such a levy; and

(c) if so, the views received from the Ministry in this regard?

Outsourcing Non-core Duties of Police

2129. SHRIMATI K.

MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has directed the State Governments to outsource non-core duties of police;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move will help the police forces to concentrate on key areas where policing is much needed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Flagship Programmes

2130. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flagship programmes of the Ministry are languishing due to massive under-utilization of funds;

(b) if so, the facts and the details in this regard;

(c) the total amount released by the Government to Odisha under its flagship programmes along with the amount actually utilized during the last four years, year/scheme-wise;

(d) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons/causes for under-utilization of funds released to Odisha for the flagship programmes/schemes; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Manufacturing of Pharmaceuticals

2131. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been promoting the domestic manufacturing of pharmaceuticals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Category of Disabilities

2132. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of disabilities notified so far under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act;

(b) whether the Government has received a number of representations for inclusion of certain new categories of disabilities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on such requests for inclusion of new categories of disabilities?

Financial Support for Smart City Projects

2133. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to provide financial support amounting to Rs.809 Crore to 15 smart-city projects and if so, the details thereof along with the criteria of selection;

(b) whether there exists any priority as to areas (for e.g. slum or densely populated areas) which are to be targeted under smart city projects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the manner in which the Centre will adjudicate upon progress of smart cities development in view of the fact that some

cities had progressive development and head start as compared to others;

(d) whether the Government has any mechanism at the grass root level to take feedback on the functioning and implementation of smart cities projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government had directed the States to frame guidelines/policies for compensation and lawful acquisition of property under smart city projects, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for MPF Scheme

†2134. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH

JAUNAPURIA:

SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds to various State Governments under the scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF);

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, component and State-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) whether major portion of the said funds remain unutilised by the States/ Union Territories; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government to ensure complete utilisation of funds under the scheme?

Relief for Thunderstorms and Lightning

2135. SHRI SHIVKUMAR

UDASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several people have died due to thunderstorms and lightning in many parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether lightning is not considered as a disaster and the people who died due to lightning and thunderstorms are not eligible for relief; and

(c) if so, whether the Government would consider to include these natural disasters under the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Act so that the victims of these natural disasters can be considered for relief and if so, the details thereof?

Education and Rehabilitation of Disabled Children

2136. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the children/persons with disabilities are deprived of better education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken by the Government to provide education, training, rehabilitation and employment to the physically and mentally challenged persons in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring education of disabled children under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this direction, so far and if not, the reasons therefor?

FCI Godowns in Rajasthan

†2137. DR. KARAN SINGH

YADAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Rajasthan are not functioning properly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to make these godowns properly functional; and

(d) if so, whether any fund has been provided/earmarked by the State Government/ Central Government for the same?

Lack of Irrigation Facilities

†2138. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal farmers of nalaxite affected areas and backward tribal regions including Chatra, Latihar and Palamu of Jharkhand are unable to take up farming

activities due to the stoppage of irrigation projects;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made or proposes to make efforts to provide irrigation facilities specially to the poor farmers of these tribal and naxalite affected areas of Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Home Delivery of Foodgrains

2139. DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NFSA has a provision for door step delivery of foodgrain under PDS to the beneficiaries, if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation, State-wise particularly in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is true that the Union Government has asked the State Governments to provide home delivery of highly subsidized foodgrains to the PDS beneficiaries to avoid instances of starvation deaths, if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto;

(c) whether it is also true that these were among other reforms the State Governments have been asked to pursue urgently in order to strengthen the Public Distribution System and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure supply of foodgrains under PDS?

National Food Security Mission

†2140. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Security Mission has been implemented in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the works carried out so far in this direction along with the number of farmers benefited so far under the Mission in Jharkhand, district-wise?

Funds for Manufacturing of Medical Equipment

†2141. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grants disbursed by the Government for manufacturing of medical equipment in the country;

(b) whether all the Public/Private sector companies have shown their interest in this initiative;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the subsidy/incentives provided by the Government for manufacturing the said equipment in the country itself?

Healthcare Facilities to Weaker Sections

2142. SHRI MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken concrete measures for providing the better healthcare facilities to the weaker sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to highlight the components of the welfare schemes to the masses?

National Dairy Plan

2143. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the National Dairy Plan, Phase I (NDP-I) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the major achievements and key outputs of NDP-I;

(c) the details of the achievements made by the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) so far;

(d) whether the Government has launched any scheme with the objective to rehabilitate the Sick Dairy Cooperative Milk Union at the district level and milk federations at the State level;

(e) if so, the financial assistance provided to State Milk Federations during the last three years; and

(f) the aims and objectives of Rashtriya Gokul Mission and the funds allocated by the Government for the Mission during the year 2018-19?

Escape of Terrorist from Custody

2144. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several incidents of terrorists escaping from police custody and courts in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the involvement of police personnel in such escapes has been established;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of terrorists re-arrested so far in these States; and

(f) the effective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

Revision of Subsidy in PDS

2145. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the subsidy rate at which foodgrains are supplied through ration shops has not been revised since the food law was rolled out in July, 2013;

(b) whether it is also true that the States which are slow in implementing PDS reforms should complete in a time-bound manner; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Crop Loss due to Pest Infestation

2146. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 30-35% of crop yield in India gets wasted due to pest infestation of crops and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether nematodes, which are parasitic microscopic worms, have emerged as the major threat to crops causing a loss of 60 million tonnes of crops, which is about 10% of the produce in the country, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a large-scale loss of crop impacts on agricultural biodiversity which is paramount to food security in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proactive steps initiated by the Government to eradicate the pest infestation that affects large amounts of crop yield?

Implementation of Ayushman Bharat

2147. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring a new pharmaceutical policy to ensure effective implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme and to cope with the increasing demand of medicines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

External Assistance for Agriculture Sector

†2148. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought any type of external assistance for the development of agriculture sector in the country during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the assistance sought and received during the said period; and

(c) the details of the foreign funds received and utilized for the development of agriculture in the country during the said period, State and Scheme-wise?

Fertilizer Requirement for Kharif Season

2149. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap in the availability and requirement of fertilizers to the farmers in the country for the kharif season;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether farmers are required to pay 20% more for fertilizers at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

National Horticulture Mission

†2150. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts covered under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Food Security Mission (NFSM), State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether various States including Chhattisgarh have requested the Union Government for inclusion of more districts under the said schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof separately, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is likely to consider the inclusion of more districts proposed by the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Revival of Industries

†2151. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme for industrialization in Allahabad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the schemes regarding revival of the big and small industrial units of Allahabad which have remained closed for some time;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated for the subsistence of workers engaged therein;

(d) if not, whether any scheme is likely to be started; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cotton Production

2152. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of the total cotton production and consumption in the country during the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to encourage cotton production and the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether the Government imports and exports cotton products and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Vegetable Clusters

2153. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme for setting up of vegetable clusters

in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such clusters set up by the Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has involved private players in setting up of vegetable clusters in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the other comprehensive measures adopted by the Government during the current year to maintain balance between the demand and supply of vegetables?

Workshop on Food Vendor's Hygiene & Safety Standards

2154. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to organise more workshops in Thanjavur District, under the auspices of the "Swachh Bharat Pakhwada", by the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT) regarding street vendors hygiene and food safety standards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Procurement of Foodgrains

2155. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is not procuring the foodgrains

from the farmers which is posing a serious problem to the farmers in selling their output and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission in the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof along with the stand of the Government in this regard?

Over-Population in Urban Areas

2156. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of overcrowding/over-population in majority of urban areas in the country including Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to decongest over-populated urban areas including Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai and also to address rural migration to urban areas; and

(c) the extent to which the plan to decongest Delhi by developing ring towns has been successful?

Orphan Drugs

2157. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री
be pleased to state:

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives together with the State Governments or has formulated a scheme on the lines of Bhavantar Yojana of Madhya Pradesh to mitigate the inconvenience of the farmers facing long queues in terms of wheat procurement;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan formulated by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented across the country?

Maintenance of DDA Flats

2160. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to take up maintenance and repairing work of outer walls, windows-chhajjas (cover), rain water pipes, water pipelines and staircases of DDA Flats, Pocket-7, as have been done recently in DDA Flats, Pocket-3 and Pocket-4, Sector-12, Dwarka, Delhi; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said work would be initiated since the conditions of outer walls, windows, pipes and staircases of DDA flats in Pocket-7 are very poor?

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has recommended exemption of 'orphan drugs' and unbranded generic drugs from price control;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has considered the views of the NITI Aayog, if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is ensuring that such a decision would not have an adverse impact on the society, particularly with regard to orphan drugs?

Availability of Price Controlled Drugs

2158. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the availability of drugs brought under price control during the last six years;

(b) if so, the details and findings of such study;

(c) whether the Government has any data on the sale of medicines brought under price control; and

(d) if so, the details for the last one year?

Bhavantar Yojana

†2159. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

Easing Visa Related Services

2161. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to allow foreign tourists and travellers to avail of paperless and cashless visa-related services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the mechanism is a centralized, transparent online platform;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of number of tourists who have availed these services till date?

Sown Area

†2162. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the total sown areas as on July this year stands at 333.76 lakh hectares as compared to 388.89 lakh hectares at the same time last year;

(b) if so, the comparative details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) the details of kharif crops which have seen less sowing in the country during the current monsoon season; and

(d) whether the Government is making any action plan to deal with the shortage in production occurring due to less sowing and if so, the details thereof?

National Livestock Mission

†2163. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to release the outstanding amount of Rs. 5.74 crore for Rajasthan under the Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Development of the National Livestock Mission;

(b) if so, the time by which the said amount is likely to be released by the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for Drinking Water2164. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds has been allocated for providing drinking water and laying sewer pipes in Nashik, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the work done through the said funds?

Linkage of Aadhaar to PDS†2165. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION**Sugar
Production**

2167. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTIONउपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken various initiatives during the last five months to help loss-making sugar mills, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the sugar production is estimated to touch a record 32 million tonnes in the 2017-18 marketing year against 20.3 million tonnes output in the previous year; and

(c) whether the year's production is much higher than the annual domestic demand of 25 million tonnes and if so, the details thereof?

Trafficking of Children

†2168. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether children are being trafficked/smuggled from various parts of the country to be sold to bangle-making factories situated in Jaipur, Ajmer and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set such children free from these factories by conducting a survey of children and adults engaged in bangle-making factories across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made the Aadhaar Card compulsory for procurement of foodgrains from Public Distribution System and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether foodgrains/ration is being distributed without Aadhaar Card also in various States of the country at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has stipulated any time-frame to provide foodgrains/ration without Aadhaar Card and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh?

**Opening of
New PMBJAKs**†2166. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras functioning in Madhya Pradesh, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open new Jan Aushadhi Kendras under the said scheme;

(c) if so, the number of such kendras proposed to be opened, location-wise; and

(d) the efforts made to set up the said Kendras at the earliest?

Streamlining Visa and Immigration Process

2169. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to streamline the twin processes of immigration and visa for Indian citizens and foreigners respectively; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Terrorists Killed in J&K

2170. SHRI ARKAKESHARI DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of terrorists killed in Jammu and Kashmir has increased recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of civilians killed in Jammu and Kashmir has also increased in the current year;

(d) if so, whether the Government plans to minimize the civilian deaths in future; and

(e) if so, the measures being taken to minimise the death of civilians?

Impact of Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme

2171. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that with the Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) the Government has unearthed fake PDS beneficiaries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Duplicacy in Manufacturing of Surgical Equipment

2172. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding duplicacy in manufacturing of surgical equipment and selling them at higher price;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of such companies specially in Delhi/NCR, along with the action taken against them?

Building Projects

†2173. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various housing projects are going on in Delhi-NCR, out of which many builders' projects are running far behind schedule;

(b) if so, whether customers are not getting possession of their housing units as a result thereof;

(c) whether by taking cognizance of the above facts, any guidelines have been issued/are being issued by the Government to the builders to ensure timely handling over of possession of housing units to the customers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of builders' projects registered under RERA in Delhi/NCR, builder and project-wise?

Drug Pricing Policy

2174. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy regarding pricing of new drugs and their supply in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any fresh measures to expedite the pricing of new drugs to ensure adequate supply of drugs in the market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Hostels for OBC Students

†2175. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the construction work of the hostel for post matric OBC students in Agar Malwa district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for Rehabilitation due to Flood and Erosion

2176. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated and utilised for rehabilitation due to flood and erosion in the North East States including Assam during each of the last five years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has any data regarding loss of lives and properties due to flood and erosion during the last three years in Assam;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government would consider the request/demand for declaration of flood and erosion of Assam as national calamity in the light of the fact that it creates disaster every year in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Hunger Death

2177. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the recent reports of alleged starvation deaths in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has sought any report/response from the States in this regard especially from Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof and response of the State thereto; and

(e) the steps taken to check recurrence of such cases?

CBI Enquiry into Pathankot Attack

2178. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ordered a CBI inquiry on the Pathankot Terror Attack in 2016;

(b) if so, the status of the inquiry and arrests made so far;

(c) whether the Government has found any role of an insider at the Pathankot Base, who could have provided support and information that was key to carrying out the attack;

(d) whether the Government has concluded the findings in the case; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Representation of States in HLC

2179. COL. SONARAM CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether release of the assistance from NDRF for combating any disaster is decided by the High Level Committee (HLC);

(b) whether there is no representative of the States in HLC and the States do not get any opportunity to present their case effectively resulting in certain important and desired aspects remaining undiscussed/unattended and the States do not get the desired funds;

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to permit the States to present their case in the HLC meetings; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Horticulture Development in Bundelkhand

†2180. SHRI KUNWAR

PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any special scheme for horticulture development in Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering on any scheme to set up new horticulture centre in Bundelkhand; and

(d) if so, the time by which this centre is likely to be set up?

Drought Tolerant Crops

2181. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Water Technology Centre of Indian Agriculture Research

Institute undertook various projects for understanding the tolerance mechanisms of crops in drought and thermal stress environments;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the total costs of the projects;

(c) whether the findings of the study have led to the production of drought tolerant varieties of various crops in the country especially in the State of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Farmers Welfare

†2182. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being run by the Government for the welfare of the farmers at present;

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent under the said scheme during the last three years State-wise, including Haryana;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any accountability regarding transparent implementation of the said schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Exporting Agro Products

2183. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is the world's second largest producer of rice, wheat, fish, fruits and vegetables and the largest producer of milk;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government has taken advantage of this favourable scenario in the Food Processing Sector; and

(c) whether the Government has been infusing the necessary capital to export the aforesaid agro-products or depending on private partnerships?

GM Crops

2184. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that India's Genetically Modified (GM) crop area is the 5th largest in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce other genetically modified crops apart from Bt-cotton; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to Fishermen

2185. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to grant compensation to the

fishermen of Union Territory of Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds which have been sanctioned and allocated by the Government in this regard?

DAY-NULM

†2186. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM);

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries of the said scheme in Jharkhand at present;

(c) whether the number of beneficiaries under the said scheme in Jharkhand is less than the national average of beneficiaries;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the same; and

(e) the other initiatives/steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Crops Destroyed by Stray Animals

†2187. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of causing damage to crops by stray animals

in various parts of the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with value and volume of crops destroyed during the last three years;

(c) whether any census has been conducted on stray animals in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to construct shelters/homes for stray animals in each district in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Consumer Courts

2188. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is assuring every consumer the right to quality, quantity, potency, purity, standard and prices of goods and services for materials/goods sold in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to establish more consumer courts across the country to settle consumer cases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of existing consumer courts across the country, State-wise; and

(d) whether these courts are overloaded now with enormous cases and if so, the details thereof along with the number of pending cases in the consumer courts, State-wise?

Caste based Census

2189. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted caste based census in the year 2011 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has suggested to the Union Government and passed an unanimous resolution in 2016 seeking to make the census data public and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the details regarding the said census have not been released so far, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for non-disclosure of the same to the public so far;

(d) whether the Government has formed an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog for classification and categorization of OBCs;

(e) whether eleven States have already compiled database of OBCs and based on that, they are extending reservations to these communities at local level; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to take up census for OBCs nation-wide and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sedition Law

2190. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand for complete ban on sedition law in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review the sections of the Indian Penal Code pertaining to sedition;

(d) whether the Law Commission after evaluating section 124A of IPC in 1971 in its 42nd report recommended stringent action against the perpetrators who are involved in questioning the unity of the nation, judicial system and Parliament of the country; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation afresh after inviting suggestions from the Law Commission?

Landing Centre on Bay of Bengal for Relief Operation

2191. SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to build deep sea landing centres and helipads in the Bay of Bengal to facilitate search and relief operations during cyclones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate infrastructure facilities for effective search operations to find missing persons during cyclones; and

(d) the total amount allocated for the same?

Cyber Security

†2192. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Working Group on cyber security has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made therein along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal regarding setting up of an autonomous body on cyber security;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to check hacking and cyber crimes?

Housing for All

†2193. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme to provide houses to all Jhuggi dwellers living near railway lines in different railway zones of the country before removing them from such areas under the scheme of Housing for All by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

Fund for Agricultural Machinery

†2194. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released/proposes to release additional funds apart from the present allocation for agricultural machinery to the farmers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be allocated?

Drought Affected Areas

†2195. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the continued state of drought in several areas has led to starvation, suicide by the farmers, economic backwardness and other painful situations;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the works undertaken by the Governments to provide relief in these areas in the wake of the said situations; and

(d) the details of the progress made by the Government in this regard so far?

Safe Drinking Water to Urban Households

2196. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that majority of the households in urban areas have no access to safe drinking water and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to assess the number of households that have no access to safe drinking water in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of programmes implemented by the Government to provide safe drinking water to all the households in the country in urban areas;

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilized for the said programmes in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the allocation to ensure that all the urban households get access to safe drinking water and if so, the details thereof?

Allocation to Agriculture Sector

2197. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds out of total budget in percentage allocated to the agriculture sector during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase budgetary allocation to fulfil the promise to double the income of farmers by 2022 and also to promote the agriculture sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation to Farmers under PMFBI

†2198. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of providing compensation to the farmers even in case of 33% loss to their crops;

(b) if so, the details of more than 60% loss caused to the crops during the years 2016-17 and 2017-18, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government has not paid compensation to the farmers as per the prescribed norms, despite depositing premium by them under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana;

(d) if so, the details of the compensation paid and still due to the farmers during the years 2016-17 and 2017-18, State-wise including Rajasthan; and

(e) whether a farmer deposits premium by treating its farm as unit and if so, the reasons for non-payment of compensation to the farmers for their crop loss on the basis of unit?

Immigration Counters at Delhi Airport

2199. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently ordered the closure of exclusive immigration counters at Delhi Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is considering to extend this scheme to other International Airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Airport-wise particularly in Punjab;

(e) whether the new scheme is causing hardships to premium class passengers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps proposed in this regard?

Water Crisis in Cities

2200. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cities in the country have witnessed severe water crisis in the current year;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to make strict regulation for water conservation in the country and if so, the details thereof?

National Electric Mobility Mission Plan

†2201. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under the National Electric Mobility Mission plan from the year 2014;

(b) the number of environment friendly and hybrid vehicles manufactured since the inception of the said Mission;

(c) whether under the said Mission the Government proposes to pay special attention to those cities where pollution has reached dangerous level; and

(d) the manner in which the Mission has contributed towards meeting the electricity needs of the country?

Welfare of Children Residing in Jails

2202. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policies formulated by the Government for the education and care of children below six years staying inside the prison with their mothers;

(b) whether children staying with their mothers in jails are denied basic facility and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is seriously contemplating to shift these children to open jails and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any social security scheme applicable to children housed in prison with their mothers and children of prisoners outside the prison;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether some States have formulated specific schemes to deal with these challenges; and

(g) if so, whether the Government will encourage other States to formulate specific schemes to deal with challenges faced by children residing in Jails with their mothers?

Domestic Violence

†2203. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of domestic violence reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has implemented any programme or issued any guidelines with a view to create awareness among women to prevent domestic violence;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any authority or person accountable for the proper implementation of these guidelines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Crime against Children

†2204. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:
SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents/complaints of child trafficking, missing children, child thefts etc. in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases registered, racket/gang busted, accused arrested, convicted, children traced, untraced, conviction rate achieved and the steps taken to trace all the missing children separately during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Haryana, Gujarat and NCT of Delhi;

(c) whether organised outfits are involved in such incidents, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal for 'Track Child' or to establish an institution/agency to trace and rescue the missing children and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures being taken by the Government to prevent and check such incidents in future along with the steps taken for resettlement and education of the rescued children?

Action against Pharma Companies

2205. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding the Pharma companies selling medicines at prices higher than the price capped by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);

(b) if so, the details thereof, company and State/UT-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any action has been taken/ notices issued by the NPPA in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Drug abuse among Street Children

2206. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a third of the street kids use drugs in Delhi according to the AIIMS National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC);

(b) if so, the number of street children using drugs during the last one year in the form of tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, cannabis, heroin, opium, etc. in Delhi;

(c) the number of children who died due to the use of these substance/drugs in the country during the last two years, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to put an end to substance/drug abuse among children in the country?

Sales Counter of Generic Drugs

†2207. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up sales counters of generic drugs to increase their availability so as to check the high cost of treatment; and

(b) if so, the number of such sales counters set up till March, 2018 and the details of the average annual value of the drugs sold?

Modernisation of State Police

2208. DR SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have submitted Utilisation Certificates for the funds released for 2015, 2016 and 2017 under the Modernisation of State Police Force (MPF) Scheme as per the General Financial Rules which is required for release of further funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether concurrent audit of MPF Scheme by the Internal Audit Wing of the Ministry of Home Affairs has been conducted for the past three years to curb corruption/misuse of funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Factors Restricting Domestic Demand

†2209. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether negative attitude towards domestic value addition in Government procurement policies, strict terms of contract, continuous import, use of old machinery, providing no incentive to replace them, zero import duty under 'Project Import' and delay in project implementation are the main reasons for restricting the domestic demand; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to improve the said situation?

Release of Shortfall allocation of Rice

2210. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government for release of shortfall allocation of rice to the State;

(b) whether the Union Government is aware about shortfall allocation of 99,960 MT rice to the State of Odisha from November, 2015 to February, 2017; and

(c) whether the Union Government is taking necessary steps to recoup the said shortfall allocation of rice to the State of Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

Investment in Food Processing Sector

2211. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several big industrial houses have invested in food processing industries during the last several years;

(b) if so, the quantum of investment made by these industrial houses during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the food products for which the food processing industries were set up along with the quantum of food

processed therein during the said period; and

(d) the percentile profit earned on the amount invested in this sector during the said period?

Inter-Governmental Group of Expert on Consumer Protection

2212. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is the UN body looking after consumer issues;

(b) if so, whether the inter-Governmental group of experts on consumer protection was set up by the Union Government under the revised UN Guidelines on Consumer Protection;

(c) if so, the number of meetings of inter-Governmental group of experts on consumer protection held so far and the outcome of these meetings;

(d) whether India has participated in the two-day session which was held in Geneva on consumer protection in financial services, capacity building and technical assistance on consumer protection law,

dispute resolution and redress recently, if so, the details thereof and the issues discussed therein along with the outcome thereof; and

(e) the manner in which this will be beneficial for the country?

Selling of Life Saving Drugs at Higher Price

2213. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding drug manufacturers who are still selling life saving drugs at higher price,

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise specially in Delhi/NCR, UP and Bihar;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any action has been taken against the drug manufacturers who are selling life saving drugs at higher price; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Satellite Towns

2214. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create satellite towns around the major cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of existing satellite towns and the proposed new towns in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce special schemes and provide funds for setting up of such satellite towns in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Price of Patented Drugs

2215. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Inter-Ministerial Group has been assigned with the task of regulating the prices of patented drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the use of a per capita income associated reference pricing method has been suggested for regulating the prices of patented drugs; and

(d) if so, the facts and the justification thereof along with the benefits likely to be accrued through introduction of the aforesaid schemes?

Fertility of Soil

2216. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evaluated the fertility of soil across the country and provided soil health card to all the farmers;

(b) if so, the norms adopted for the purpose and the extent of soil nutrients and micro, nutrients deficiency noticed in the soil, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the schemes and projects under implementation to check the declining fertility of agricultural land and improve the fertility of soil for increasing agricultural production in the country including Maharashtra and the success achieved thereunder during the current year;

(d) the details of the financial assistance provided to farmers under the National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSH&F) to improve the soil health and fertility during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the soil-testing-centres set-up across the country so far, State-wise?

Demand for Fertilizers in Gujarat

2217. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has supplied enough fertilizers to Gujarat as compared to the requirement/demand in the State in the year 2017-18; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Investment under PMAY

†2218. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made so far and the number of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has accorded sanction for additional investment for construction of affordable houses for the urban poor under the PMAY during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated number of urban poor people likely to be benefited therefrom, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has approved the construction of these houses under the three components of Urban Housing mission and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the other steps taken by the Government to provide affordable houses in a timebound manner to all the urban poor of the country?

Aadhaar-enabled Fertilizer Distribution System

2219. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have expressed concern over problems in the Aadhaar-enabled Fertilizer Distribution System (AeFDS) particularly during the peak period of farming operations, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the new system of fertilizer sales has been introduced recently to prevent diversion of the soil nutrients to the black market by verifying genuine farmers through the biometric system;

(c) if so, the extent to which it has prevented diversion of the soil nutrients to the black market;

(d) whether the State Governments had requested the Union Government for early positioning of the required quantum of fertilizers and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether it is a fact that kharif season accounts for about 56 per cent of the total foodgrains production in an agricultural year;

(f) if so, whether the Government has assessed the quantum of fertilizers required for the kharif season; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Fair and Remunerative Price of Sugarcane

†2220. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently a meaningful discussion was held between the Prime Minister and sugarcane producers from major sugarcane producing States like Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttarakhand and Punjab on many issues including increase in the Fair and Remunerative Price; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Differently Abled

†2221. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to initiate any drive throughout the country to conduct survey of disabled persons with the help of local Governments and local voluntary organizations;

(b) whether the Government is likely to launch any scheme to ensure that the services meant for the disabled persons reach them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Non-availability of Quality Seeds for Production of Vannamei Prawns

2222. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the non-availability of quality seeds for production of Vannamei Prawns is leading towards a large number of incidents of 'white spot disease' in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that spurious seeds are creating problem for Vannamei Prawn farmers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Consumer Movement

2223. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started consumer movement to protect the interests of the consumers and speedy redressal of their grievances in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of consumers benefited from this movement across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set up Consumer Welfare Fund to strengthen the consumer movement in the country, if so, the details thereof along with achievements made from setting up of such fund so far;

(d) the details of the funds provided to States/UTs for strengthening the consumer movement along with its utilisation during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interests of the consumers across the country?

New Consumer Protection Act

2224. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to formulate a fresh Consumer Protection Act in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas/sectors proposed to be covered thereunder; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to bring misleading advertisements under the proposed act and if so, the details thereof?

Interest Free Loans

†2225. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide interest free loans to the farmers up to a certain limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Small Farm Equipment

2226. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to make the small farm equipment and machineries available to small and marginal farmers, at reasonable prices, year-wise since 2014;

(b) the details of funds allocated to promote mechanization in agriculture since 2014, State and year-wise;

(c) whether the Indian farmers are facing problems due to poor quality of power tillers imported from China;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to counter this issue; and

(e) whether the Government has defined norms for testing the durability and

checking the quality of power tillers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Programme to End Distress Sale of Farmers

2227. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched or planning to launch any programme/scheme that aims to end/minimise distress sales by farmers of agro-produce including tomato, onion and potato;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of agro produce procured by the Government during the last three years to reduce the impact of distress sale; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the other alternative measures of the Government to end the distress sales?

Agricultural Irrigation Projects

2228. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has allocated Rs. 2600 crore for Agricultural Irrigation Projects in its budget for 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details of the States which are likely to be covered under the project and the details of the criteria adopted by the Government for shortlisting these States; and

(c) the details of the duration of the period in which the said Rs. 2600 crore is to be spent on this project?

Smart Cities Mission

2229. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's ambitious Smart Cities Mission is floundering and even the funds released to the States/UTs under the Mission have not been properly utilized;

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the cities selected under the Smart Cities Mission has been asked to prepare a list of best practices/smart practices adopted by them;

(d) if so, the names of cities/States which have formulated the same along with the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has set up any mechanism for the effective and better monitoring of the progress of Smart Cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the timelines fixed by the Government for the completion of the works in the selected Smart Cities?

PCPIR Project

2230. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate land area under the 'Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions' (PCPIR) project undertaken by the Department of Chemicals and Fertilizers;

(b) the roles of the Central and State Governments for the implementation of this project;

(c) the profits likely to be earned from this project in terms of investment and employment; and

(d) the progress made and implementation status of these projects?

Bamboo Production

2231. DR. BHAGIRATH
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the strategy of the Government to enhance bamboo production in the country, after deleting bamboo from the definition of tree under the Indian Forest Act;

(b) whether the Government has identified areas for potential bamboo plantation in waste lands of the country;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to assist the farmers to grow

Bamboo in public/private lands to augment the income of the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pasighat Smart City

2232. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aim of development of smart city in Pasighat has been achieved and if so, the details of work carried out under Pasighat Smart City;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized so far for pasighat smart city;

(c) the status of the efforts made by the Government for capacity building of Urban Local Bodies in Pasighat for undertaking of the Smart Cities Mission;

(d) whether the agency 'Special Purpose Vehicle' has been constituted for Pasighat, after its selection in the third round; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Houses for Low/Middle Income Group

†2233. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed/likely to be constructed under various schemes particularly for the low and middle

income groups during the twelfth five year plan period;

(b) the funds allocated and utilized for the implementation of the schemes; and

(c) the details of units/houses allocated under various schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Erosion of Land

2234. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 23 crore has been earmarked for protection of erosion of farmers land in the country and if so, the progress achieved since last two years in this regard; and

(b) the budget likely to be made available for the purpose in 2018-19?

Modernisation of Rake Points

2235. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of required infrastructure at existing rake points and provision of new rake point and two points rakes, supply of fertilisers and its distribution is affected a lot and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government of Odisha is forced to assist Dealer with

handling charges amounting to 5.00 crores annually for ensuring smooth distribution of different fertilizers and their sale at right price to farmers;

(c) whether the Ministry of Railways and Central Government has taken some steps for modernisation of existing rake points, notification of new rake points and provision of two points rakes at proposed places; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken necessary steps for supply of balance allocation of Urea along with other fertilisers during peak season?

Illegal Cotton Seed Business

2236. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level expert panel set up by the Government has found that nearly 15 per cent area under cotton was planted with illegally produced and unapproved Herbicide Tolerant (HT) seeds in the 2017 kharif crop season, if so, the details thereof including the total estimated area which were planted with illegal and unapproved herbicide tolerant seeds in the country;

(b) whether there is huge unregulated market for genetically modified cotton (GM) seeds, which is potentially harmful to the environment as it entails use of herbicides which are otherwise restricted, if so, the details thereof including the estimated losses due to illegal cotton seed business in the 2017 kharif crop season;

(c) whether the Field Inspection and Scientific Evaluation Committee (FISEC) panel collected 13,361 leaf and seed samples and found 15% prevalence of unapproved HT cotton in major States like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Gujarat, and about 5% in Punjab, if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether farmers are using unapproved genetically modified HT cotton seeds to save on labour costs, if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb such type of malpractices and provide good quality cotton seeds to the farmers?

Metro Rail Policy

2237. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved new Metro rail projects in the country under New Metro Rail Policy and if so, the details thereof, State/location-wise including Kerala;

(b) whether any allocation or project has been announced as expansion project

of Kochi metro rail service and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the New Metro Rail Policy mandates certain components of the projects on public-private partnership and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any objection or concerns regarding the public-private partnership has been raised by any State Government and if so, the details thereof?

Rules for Veterinarians Practice

2238. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Veterinary Council of India (VCI) rules allow Veterinarians to practice in the jurisdiction of any State without obtaining necessary VCI clearance or registration from the State Veterinary Council concerned in practicing State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such practices by these veterinarians are not deemed to be illegal or unauthorized, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether VCI rules have any penal provisions for such violations, if so, the stipulations thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that some veterinary doctors registered with the State Veterinary Council of another State and not legally authorized to practice in the NCR of Delhi, have been practicing in various organizations including animal NGOs from 2010 concurrently and illegally despite applicable rules;

(e) if so, the details of the instances of such kind that came into VCI's notice on various complaints received, details of violators identified/reported and action taken by the Government in this regard since 2010 till date; and

(f) whether VCI stipulations on the qualifications Para vets employed by veterinarians/NGOs must meet to practice in NGOs/voluntary/Government Organizations etc., if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Pharma Parks

2239. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a pharma park in Karnataka with an aim to boost the pharmaceutical sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government of Karnataka has made any assurance to provide land for the Pharma Park;

(c) if so, the details regarding required land in acres and the time limit by which the land is likely to be acquired;

(d) whether the Government would permit 100% FDI in pharma sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation for SCs

2240. PROF. A.S.R. NAIK:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the constitution guarantees proportionate representation in respect of Scheduled Castes (SCs) on which there is no maximum ceiling; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Food Processing Industries

†2241. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the setup/ expansion of food processing industries during the last two years in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the expansion of food processing industries in the country along with the outcome thereof?

Manual Scavengers

†2242. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the inhuman practice of manual scavenging is still continuing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey or has received any report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether there is a four-fold increase in the number of manual scavengers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is likely to take any effective measures to uplift the manual scavengers and to eradicate this inhuman practice and if so, the details thereof?

Ban on Fishing

2243. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed trolling ban in the coastal States of the country;

(b) if so, the purpose behind the ban; and

(c) whether the purpose behind the ban is achieved by the Government, if so, the steps taken by the Government to assist the fishermen during the trolling ban?

Murder of Political Leaders

†2244. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the murder of several political leaders in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents which occurred during the last few years and the current year;

(c) the number of reports received from the Members of Bihar in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

New MSP

2245. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding the new Minimum Support Price (MSP) in all the States from the day of its announcement;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the details of the States where it is still to be implemented; and

(d) the details of the status of implementation of the new MSP specially in Delhi/NCR and Uttar Pradesh and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Lottery Business

2246. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States successfully running the lottery in the country for the last three years;

(b) the amount of taxes imposed and collected by the Government as well as the States on lottery during the said period;

(c) the number of Notifications issued by the Government for the same during the last eight years; and

(d) the number of cases pending with the High Courts and Supreme Court against the Central and State Governments for the last five years and the action taken thereon?

Interest Subvention to Farmers

2247. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide 75% of the amount of interest subvention at the beginning of the financial year to the farmers of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to provide 75% of interest subvention as interest free revolving fund to Cooperative Banks in Rajasthan to avoid financial loss to the Cooperative Banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Solid Waste Management

2248. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has directed to expedite solid waste management projects in 97 towns along the Ganges spread over five States and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has asked Chief Secretaries of the Ganga-basin States to achieve 100 per cent solid waste management by December, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is exploring ways for re-using the waste material generated in these towns, for example use of plastic waste for road construction or making compost and fertilizers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry has launched Local Area Plan (LAP) and Town Plan Schemes (TPS) for 25 cities in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural Reforms

†2249. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for agricultural reforms in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of States which have been agreed with the Union Government so far, for agricultural reforms; and

(c) the time by which the said reforms are likely to be implemented for the welfare of the farmers?

Setting up of Cold Storage Chains

†2250. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for setting up of cold storage chains; and

(b) if so, the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Data of Houses

2251. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:
SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the houses built by the Government and sold during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Artificial Intelligence

2252. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools for crime prevention and control and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of various AI tools being used by Police in the country for crime detection and control?

Import of Banned GM Seeds

2253. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of tonnes of banned Genetically Modified (GM) seeds are being imported into the country for cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also formulated any mechanism to monitor and restrict the import of banned GM seeds into the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upliftment of SC and OBC Women

†2254. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any action plan for the upliftment and development of women belonging to SC and OBC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated by the Government for the upliftment and development of SC and OBC women during 2014 to 2017, State and year-wise?

FAME India Scheme

2255. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:
SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:
DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phase-1 of the FAME India Scheme has been able to achieve its objective completely;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred and targets achieved under Phase-1 segment and State-wise including Bihar;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the salient features of phase-2 of the FAME India Scheme and the time-line for launching the scheme; and

(e) whether the Government has drawn roadmap for providing reliable electricity access through dedicated charging stations for electric vehicles and if so, the details thereof?

Production of Grapes, Onions and Sugarcane

2256. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the leading grapes, onions and sugarcane producing States in the country;

(b) the total production of grapes, onion and sugarcane recorded during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to grapes, onion and sugarcane producers during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the quantum of grapes and onions exported to various country during the said period, State /UT-wise;

(e) whether the farmers producing grapes, onions and sugarcane are not getting remunerative prices for their produce and if so, the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of grapes, onions and sugarcane in the country?

Assistance under Youth Parliament Competition

†2257. SHRI MANOHAR
UTAWAL:

Will the Minister of
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
संसदीय कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh seeking financial assistance under 'Yuva Sansad Pratiyogita' for 2016-17; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto?

Transit Point for Drug Trafficking

2258. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the World Drug Report recently released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) which specifically mentions that India has become a transit point for drug trafficking because of the low value assigned to heroin in the Indian market;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has the database on drug users apart from indirect indicators like registered drug users or law enforcement data; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the frequency of monitoring of such data?

Protection to Indigenous Bovines

2259. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes and schemes implemented by the Government to protect India's indigenous bovines with details of allocations set aside, year-wise from 2010 onwards;

(b) whether the importing of foreign bovine breeds has adversely affected the demand of indigenous breed among the farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country's indigenous cattle breeds including the Gujarati Gir and Sahiwal of Punjab and Rajasthan are facing a decline in demand from the farmers; and,

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to enhance the demand of indigenous breeds?

Acquisition of Fertile Land

†2260. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertile land is being acquired for development projects in the country and inadequate compensation is being paid to the farmers for land acquisition;

(b) if so, the opinion of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether some provisions are existing in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to enact any law to acquire only barren land for such projects; and

(e) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Claims under PMFBY

†2261. SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lot of time is being taken in disposal of claims under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) if so, the time taken in disposal of claims during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering to impose penalty on the States, banks and insurance companies for violation of guidelines under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee on Metro Rail

2262. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a committee on standardisation of metro rail systems across the country, headed by Shri E. Sreedharan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time frame given to submit the report; and

(c) the details of metro rail lines in operation and under construction, State-wise?

Linkages between Research and Farming Community

2263. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made effective linkages between research, extension and farming community; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Merger of Ministries

2264. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of DoNER and NEC have been brought back under the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, whether the economic development work and creation of infrastructure in the North East Region will be directly under the Ministry of Home Affairs; and

(d) whether the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) will continue to exist under the new Dispensation or arrangement?

Increase in MSP

†2265. DR. RAGHU SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated by the Government for the announcement made by the Government about increasing MSP by 1.5 times for the crops of the farmers, State-wise and the details of action plan formulated by the Government in order to provide benefit of the said announcement to the farmers;

(b) whether the Government has fixed the cost prices of various agro-products and if so, the details thereof, product-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide 1.5 times MSP of the cost on the basis of the same and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be provided to the farmers; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated any action plan in order to provide relief to the cattle rearers which are more than 40 per cent of the population, if so, the details thereof?

Review of formula for computing MSP

2266. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the formula for computing MSP for Kharif crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present formula and the changes proposed therein;

(c) whether the proposed formula is similar to the Rabi MSP formula and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the benefits to be accrued to the farmers and the Government along with the manner in which it is proposed to be implemented; and

(e) the manner in which the Government proposes to raise additional funds to meet the rising procurement costs?

Grievance Redressal of People from NER

2267. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up any committee for monitoring and redressal of grievances of people from the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Violence against Senior Citizens

†2268. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI: SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various types of atrocities and crimes against older persons/senior citizens including harassment by their family members have reportedly increased in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases registered separately, accused arrested, convicted, cases solved/unsolved and conviction rate achieved during the last three years and the current year, gender and State-wise;

(c) whether steps have been taken to improve the conviction rate of such cases and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to prevent such cases in future including special security to senior citizens along with the details of advisories issued to the States and police departments in this regard?

Delay in Construction of Border Roads

2269. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that in 2006-07 the Government has approved the plan to construct 73 strategic Sino-Indian border roads which were supposed to be completed in 2012 but only 21 roads have been completed so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of this and appropriate comprehensive measures has been taken to speed up the works so that the national security is not compromised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digitization of PDS

2270. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States in the country have taken the progressive steps to digitizing fair price shops/ration shops, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor including the reasons for their inability to commence the process of digitization, State-wise;

(c) the total number of fair price shops/ration shops that have been digitized over the last three years, year and State-wise including Bihar;

(d) whether end to end digitization of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is facing any hurdles in its implementation, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to fast track digitization of PDS?

Budget for PMS

†2271. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is presently providing budget allocation to the States on the basis of committed liability formula under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether seventy five percent and twenty five percent of funds are contributed by the Central Government and State Government respectively in place of committed liability under the post matric scholarship scheme by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs;

(c) if so, the reasons for not adopting this formula for scheduled caste students by the Ministry; and

(d) the time by which the Ministry is likely to implement the formula of seventy five percent contribution by Central Government and twenty five percent by State Governments for post matric scholarship for the students belonging to scheduled caste?

Import Agreement for Pulses

2272. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated quotas for the import of pulses and also is enforcing import agreement with some countries when domestic production and stocks of pulses are highest;

(b) if so, the reasons for entering agreements with foreign trade partners when production and availability of pulses are highest;

(c) whether in view of sufficient production and stocks of pulses, the Government proposes to cancel such agreements with foreign trade partners; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Overcrowding in Jails

†2273. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has expressed concern over the increasing number of inmates in the Jails and passed an order while giving hearing in a case regarding inhuman condition prevalent in 1382 jails across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the number of inmates in the jails of the country is 150 times more than the capacity of the jails;

(d) if so, whether the Supreme Court has appealed to all the High Courts of the country to take *suo moto* cognizance of such matters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Deep Sea Fishing Policy

2274. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a deep sea fishing policy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the licence given to foreign vessels for deep sea fishing is not beneficial to Indian Fisherfolk;

(c) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government to revise the existing norms so as to make it beneficial to Indian Fisherfolk;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide vessels suitable to deep sea fishing to the Indian Fisherfolk, if so, the scheme formulated by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to invite the views of the State Governments for formulating deep sea fishing policy and scheme for deep sea fishing; and

(f) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government thereon?

Raw Material Import

†2275. SHRIMATI JYOTI
DHURVE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether raw materials are imported for manufacturing of antibiotics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the raw materials can be produced in the country itself; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Good Quality Seeds at Lower Prices

2276. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce the swadeshi/ indigenous good quality seeds at lower prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Promoting Generic Medicines

†2277. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme/proposal to set up Jan Aushadhi Kendras in all medical colleges, district hospitals and all private hospitals to promote the use of generic medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Medical Association and the Medical Council of

India have been consulted for the purpose of promoting the use of generic medicines in the country; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Input Cost of MSP

†2278. SHRI SUNIL JAKHAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government includes the increased prices of diesel in calculations being made prior to the announcement of MSP for crops;

(b) if so, the details of the formula for its calculations thereof; and

(c) whether the cost of diesel was included while calculating the MSP for various crops for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, if so, the details thereof?

Foodgrain Production

2279. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is estimated to have a record 279.51 million tonne food grains production in the crop year, 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country has achieved an all time high production in all four major foodgrains during the crop year 2017-18; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sugar Industry

2280. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE PATIL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Indian sugar mills are running under a loss and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the measures taken by the Government to strengthen sugar industry during the last five years;

(c) whether there is a need for a lot of reforms in the Sugar policies of the Government and the same have been demanded by the sector and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government thereto;

(d) whether the huge pending Cane Price Arrears cause the major reason for the continuous reason for the losses suffered by the sugar sector in the country and if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of the pending cane price arrears, State-wise, factory-wise, sector-wise in the country?

MSP for Kharif Crop

†2281. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the increased MSP for crops to be produced in the ensuing kharif season;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether the Government has also assessed the cost of agricultural inputs while determining the said MSP;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the details of the quantum of expenditure assessed by the Government in the form of wages of labourers diesel for irrigation cost of seeds, chemical fertilizers, insecticides etc.?

Accessibility Audit

2282. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of accessibility audit carried out by the Government under the Accessible India Campaign, city and State-wise including Telangana;

(b) the major findings of the access audit taken so far; and

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government with respect to such audit reports?

Fertilizer Requirement

2283. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall of around five million tonnes of urea which will impact rabi crops unless urgent imports are contracted;

(b) whether the total fertilizer requirement for the current rabi season is likely to increase as compared to the last two years;

(c) if so, the comparative details thereof during the last four years, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for the increase in fertilizer requirement in the country and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Capacity Building under Disaster Risk Reductions

†2284. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures taken by the Government to enhance the capacity building under National Policy on Disaster Management to minimise the disaster risks in the country;

(b) the details of capacity building being taken up currently;

(c) the programmes being run by the Government to communicate with people to reduce the disaster risks and work with the beneficiaries and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the types of institutional arrangements proposed for Disaster Risk Reduction and the extent to which the country is close to achieving the target of

sustainable development through capacity building?

Insurance Coverage under PMFBY

2285. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is to provide financial support to farmers as well as insurance coverage in the event of natural calamities, pests and diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amount spent under PMFBY in Assam during the last financial year and the current year; and

(d) the number of farmers which are included under the PMFBY in Assam?

Consumer Redressal Forums

2286. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of functioning Consumer Redressal Forums in the country in general and particularly in Assam;

(b) the number of cases pending in the country in general and particularly in Assam;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to strengthen the Consumer Redressal forum; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Use of Poly Houses

2287. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that use of poly houses for agricultural activities under the controlled environmental conditions is very much popular in many developed countries and it is possible to have high yield and fairly good quality in production of fruits, vegetables, flowers etc., if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that use of poly-houses even amongst those farmers who own nominal land holdings is not popular in the country barring isolated instances despite their great advantage;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Foreign funded NGOs

2288. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the number of Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) receiving funds from abroad;

(b) if so, the details of number of NGOs receiving funds from abroad during the last five years, year and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has registered cases against NGOs for violation of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA);

(d) if so, the details of such cases registered during the said period, year and State-wise;

(e) whether the Government has any data regarding the number of applications pending before the Government for renewal of FCRA licences; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the pendency?

Insecticide Laboratories

†2289. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the insecticide laboratories located in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the said laboratories are sufficient, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering on the proposals received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding setting up of new insecticide laboratories in Bhopal, Gwalior and Hoshangabad; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Encroachment on DDA Land

2290. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: SHRI SATAV RAJEEV: SHRI NATUBHAI GOMANBHAI PATEL: SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM: DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many acres of DDA land falling in various zones is under encroachment;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, location-wise;

(c) whether DDA land is encroached in connivance with the DDA officials and if so, whether the Government has conducted any inquiry, taken action against the officials and adopted measures to remove encroachment on the land;

(d) whether the DDA has leased out land to Government agencies/departments and if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to digitalize the DDA land record and make it free from encroachment?

Food Subsidy under DBT Scheme

†2291. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV: SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI BODHSINGH
BHAGAT:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subsidy to be given on ration to the poor during the financial year 2017-18, State-wise including wheat and rice at the rate of Rs. 2 and Rs. 3 per kg;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any plan to improve the ration system under the National Food Security Act and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to bring food subsidy also under Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme instead of giving refund to the poor and providing wheat, rice, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has launched this scheme in some of the States on trial basis, if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof, State-wise including West Bengal;

(e) the number of States which have adopted schemes, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be implemented across the country?

Food Processing Industries

†2292. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:
SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing industries in the country at present, State-wise especially in Punjab and Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up any new food processing centres in Punjab and Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Charges of Sedition on Students , Workers and Farmers

2293. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:
DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students, workers/ employees and farmers held in prison under charges of sedition;

(b) whether speedy trials are not held in their case;

(c) whether the Government intends to amend the present provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and Indian Penal Code (IPC) concerning sedition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PM Kisan Sampada Yojana

2294. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to create a cold chain grid to link every nook and corner of India by its 42 Mega Food Parks, 234 Cold Chain Projects under the PM Kisan Sampada Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the total number of Cold Chain Storage facilities available in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana have invited foreign investments in the field of food processing sector;

(e) if so, the details of foreign investors shown interest to invest in the food processing sector;

(f) the details of MoUs signed between the Union Government and foreign investors and total worth of investments; and

(g) the likely benefits of such investment to farmers in the country and the estimated number of jobs to be created in the food processing sectors?

Soil Health Cards

2295. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main/salient features of soil health card scheme;

(b) the number of Soil Health cards issued under the said scheme during the last three years, State-wise, including Gujarat;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the said scheme since its inception across the country, State/ UT-wise including Gujarat and West Bengal;

(d) the details of the target set and achievements made under this scheme so far;

(e) whether the agricultural production has increased across the country after the implementation of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the details of the steps taken by the Government to further strengthen the said scheme and bring maximum areas under the coverage of this scheme?

Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

2296. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has got good response in the State of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the area covered under the PMFBY during the last three years in Jharkhand;

(c) whether any claims have been made and settled under this scheme in the State during the aforesaid period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Area under Cotton
Crop**

2297. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are contradictory claims pertaining to the area under cotton crop for the sowing season 2017-18 in various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether miscalculation of area under cotton crop will impact the assessment of production of cotton and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have claimed yield of 730-kilogram hectare lint whereas the national average of the yield is 568 kilograms per hectare lint and if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has instructed the state Governments to correct the area under cotton crop so that accurate assessment of production of cotton can be made and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the State Governments thereto?

**Smart Cities
Fellowship/Awards**

2298. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has launched India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF), India Smart Cities Internship (ISCI) programme and Smart Cities Digital Payments Awards, 2018 recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;

(c) the names of foreign countries which have shown interest in smart city projects in the country so far, smart city-wise;

(d) the details of the financial support and Foreign Technical Assistance extended so far for smart cities projects; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to build smart cities to compete with world class cities?

these natural predators from external extinction?

**Decline in Shark
Landings**

2299. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS
WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in the share of sharks in the total fish landings and some shark species have completely vanished from the Indian coastal waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has prepared an action plan for conservation and management of sharks and other vanished species in India;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Government has banned capturing of some species of fish which are declared as endangered in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other proactive steps taken/being taken by the Government to save

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Monitoring of NGOs

2300. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved an exclusive mechanism for monitoring and supervising the activities of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of NGOs found involved in irregularities including fake NGOs during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the action taken by the Government against the said NGOs including recovery of the grants provided to them, State-wise; and

(e) the grants released by the Government to NGOs under various social welfare schemes during the said period, State-wise?

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Secretary General

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