

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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**(Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Rural Development; Social Justice and Empowerment)**

(कृषि और किसान कल्याण; रसायन और उर्वरक; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी; खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग; भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम; गृह; पंचायती राज; ग्रामीण विकास; सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय)

**Total Number of Questions — 230**

#### Study of Areas Facing Agrarian Crisis

†231. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the areas of the country facing agriculture related crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the result of the same; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to promote the use of modern technology in agriculture in order to solve the agricultural crisis and ensure continuous growth in the agriculture sector?

#### Allocation for MGNREGS

232. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN: SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to actively increase rural jobs, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard;

(b) if so, the funds allocated and utilised under the scheme along with the details of assets created and number of persons who got employment during the last five years;

(c) whether funds allocated during the current fiscal year under MGNREGS has already been spent, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government is considering to allocate additional funds for the MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has directed the States to focus on MGNREGA jobs that ensure sustainable water conservation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the specific allocation towards water conservation related works?

#### Mission Antyodaya

†233. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR: SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI: SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been successful in providing the benefits of Government schemes upto Gram Panchayat level through Mission Antyodaya and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether micro scheme is being implemented to ensure sustainable livelihood of each deprived family;

(c) if so, the name of the institutions engaged by the Government for this purpose; and

(d) whether the target is likely to be achieved by the year 2022 and if so, the details thereof?

#### Detention Camp for Foreigners

234. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any detention camp for foreigners in any State other than Assam;

(b) if not, the reasons for setting up of detention camps in Assam only;

(c) the number of detention camps in Assam; and

(d) the number of foreigners residing in the detention camps along with their nationalities, Camp-wise?

#### Causes and Effects of Agrarian Crisis

235. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether agrarian crisis has worsened because of demonetisation and GST as they killed rural demand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether widespread distress sale of agricultural produce have been reported and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the agricultural labourers have reportedly been idle/retrenched and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide compensation and adequate remunerative prices to the farmers?

#### Construction of Cow Sanctuary

†236. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government in collaboration with the State Government of Gujarat for construction of the first cow sanctuary in the country so far and the time by which it is likely to be constructed; and

(b) the steps taken to accede to the request of Shri Porbandar District Cooperative Milk Producer Association under the RKVY-RAFTAAR scheme regarding grant of financial assistance as it is very essential to accede to this request for the economic development of milk producing farmers of Porbandar district?

#### **New Urea Plants**

†237. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL  
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal or proposes to set up new urea/fertilizer units in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) the number of such projects being introduced across the country along with the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said proposal is likely to help in ensuring overall growth and development of the fertilizer sector and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Indian Chemical Industry**

238. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian chemical industry is aiming to double the size of the industry to US \$ 300 billion by 2025;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the chemical industry in India has witnessed robust growth in the past decade and the potential for future growth is significant; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to explore the potential for further growth of this industry?

#### **Use of Technology by Small and Marginal Farmers**

239. DR. T. SUMATHY (a)  
THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:

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 small and marginal farmers have not fully succeeded in reaping the benefits arising out of the use of modern agriculture technology and various special schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the States/areas/sectors where the benefits could not be percolated;

(c) whether the Government has identified the areas using obsolete technology and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Agricultural Institutes/Universities have played any role to rejuvenate agriculture extension schemes for the proper dissemination of information/knowledge, especially to the small and marginal farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Minimum Educational Qualification for Panchayat Elections**

240. SHRI KOTHA  
PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States are fixing the minimum educational qualification for elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to amend the existing laws in this regard to fix separate educational qualifications for men and women including for SC, ST and other minorities; and

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

#### **Production of Wheat**

†241. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE  
SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of wheat is being affected due to rising temperatures in the last few years during sowing or growth period of crops which is ultimately affecting the food security, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the production of adequate wheat since wheat contributes more than 71 per cent to the total foodgrain

production in the country, if so, the details of wheat production during the last five years?

#### **Reimbursement under Saving-Cum-Relief Scheme for Fishermen**

242. SHRI KUMBAKUDI  
SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala to reimburse Rs. 19.4 crore as Central share for Saving-Cum-Relief Scheme to provide off-season relief to marine fishermen, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has reimbursed its share of Rs. 19.4 crore for Saving-Cum-Relief Scheme to marine fishermen in Kerala;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Organic Food Production**

243. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the percentage of organic food production across the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether organic food production is still very low within the country, if so,

the reasons therefor and the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that several farm produce are naturally organic but these are not certified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Decline in Farmers' Income

†244. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN  
PAWAR:  
SHRI SADASHIV KISAN  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that farmers income is on the decline with time in the face of increasing inflation in Maharashtra;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to increase the income of the farmers of Maharashtra and names of the sponsored schemes in this regard?

#### Landless Farmers under PM Kisan Scheme

245. SHRIMATI S.  
JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to include landless farmers under the PM Kisan Scheme;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total percentage of the Ministry's revised budget which is proposed to be spent on the three schemes, namely—PM-KISAN, Interest Subsidy Scheme and Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(d) the amount of money allocated in the last five years for expenditure on core agricultural activities like pre & post-harvest infrastructure, irrigation, value-addition and market access?

#### Defects of Panchayati Raj System

246. SHRI ANNASAHEB  
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the defects of the Panchayati Raj System are unscientific distribution of work, incompatible relation between zila parishads, taluka Panchayats and the Gram Panchayats, undemocratic composition of various Panchayati Raj institutions etc.;

(b) if so, whether the Government is taking steps to overcome these issues;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### Total Borrowing of FCI

247. SHRI SHANMUGA  
SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of procurement of wheat by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for public distribution during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the actual dues to FCI from the Government on account of subsidy to be released and the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether the Government has received any request from FCI for raising the capital of the Government, if so, the action taken so far and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total borrowings of FCI as on date and the amount of loan capital?

#### R&D Expenditure

248. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Research and Development (R&D) expenditure of Indian Pharmaceutical companies/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) across various segments during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the expenditure on R&D activities for development of new drugs;

(c) the details of the new drug molecules developed in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to facilitate the development of new drug molecules in the country?

#### Share of Rajasthan and Jharkhand under NFSA

249. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage coverage of various schemes under National Food Security Act (NFSA), State-wise including States of Rajasthan and Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the coverage of the NFSA is low in States of Rajasthan and Jharkhand as compared to some other States, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government intends to review the percentage beneficiaries coverage of Rajasthan in the future, if so, the details thereof?

#### Efforts to Stop Stubble Burning

250. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by the Government to stop stubble burning in Northern States of Punjab, Haryana and in Delhi;

(b) the efforts made by the Government to initiate research to manage the stubble without burning it; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to give bonus to the farmers for managing stubble and if so, the details thereof?

#### Corruption in Food Distribution

†251. SHRI RAVI KISHAN;  
DR. RAM SHANKAR  
KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaints have been received in respect of the corruption in food distribution in the country including in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check it, State-wise; and

(c) the plan formulated by the Government for permanent solution for checking the said corruption?

#### ICAR Stations in North-Eastern States

252. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any ICAR Stations established/in operation in the 7 North-Eastern States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are new cultivars of plant species developed in such Research Stations in the last five years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any data with regard to the number of farmers who got the benefits of such introductions, if so, in which way they were benefited;

(d) whether the Government has prepared any road map for the Research Stations for the next five years from 2019 onwards for the development of new cultivars of plant species, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any research activity has been undertaken for enhancing shelf lives of pineapple and other such tropical fruits which are grown in the North-Eastern States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Funding under IAY

253. SHRI PASUNOORI  
DAYAKAR:  
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA  
BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY);

(b) the funds allocated for the construction of houses under this scheme including the parameters being adopted for funding the scheme;

(c) whether some States have requested to increase the share of the Central Government under this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on such proposals, so far?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### Illegal Bangladeshi Migrants

254. SHRI THOMAS  
CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any reports indicating the heightened presence of illegal migrants from Bangladesh in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received intelligence inputs in this regard;

(d) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested for any assistance to find these illegal migrants; and

(e) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

#### Rinderpest Eradication Programme

†255. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fund allocated to Uttar Pradesh Government under Rinderpest Eradication Programme;

(b) the amount of fund spent for surveillance/monitoring from the allocated fund, item-wise; and

(c) the details of positive results in relation to the amount spent?

#### Death of Manual Scavengers

256. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that manual scavenging is still continuing in the country;

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

(c) the details of States which has certified manhole cleaners in the country alongwith the number of manhole workers in each State;

(d) whether the Government has the data of manhole cleaners who died while cleaning the manholes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the current status of the ban on manual scavenging in the country;

(f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure complete ban on manual scavenging; and

(g) whether the Government has taken any initiative to bring alternative methods like machines for cleaning manholes and if so, the details thereof?

#### Power of Arrest

257. SHRIMATI MAHUA  
MOITRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the different agencies of the Government given power to arrest like the Central Bureau of Investigation, like Enforcement Directorate, SFIO, Income Tax Officers, GST Officers, Registrar of Companies, etc.;

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(b) the checks and balances in each agency to prevent misuse of powers and harassment of citizens;

(c) the number of arrests made during the last three years by these central agencies alongwith the conviction rate for those arrests; and

(d) whether any study has been done on misuse of powers by these agencies, if so, the report of such a study and if not, the Government is stand on curbing misuse of power?

#### Foodgrains Released to Maharashtra

258. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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 released and distributed to the State of Maharashtra through Public Distribution System under BPL/APL/AAY categories during each of the last three years; and

(b) whether in view of recent floods in Maharashtra, extra quantum of rice released and if so, the details thereof?

#### Damage due to Floods

259. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of agricultural products like rice, wheat, etc. was washed away during recent floods in the State of Assam;

(b) the number of godowns washed away and the estimated quantum of the lost items; and

(c) any compensation amount given/ announced to the affected persons?

#### Insurance Companies involved in PMFBY

260. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of insurance companies that have been given the tender of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) the criteria under which these insurance companies have been selected;

(c) whether the Government's PSUs have been considered for PMFBY, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total amount that has been given to these companies for insurance of Kharif and Rabi crops; and

(e) the total amount that have been claimed against the loss of crop from each of these insurance companies in the last one year along with the details of the insurance claim?

#### PM Kisan Sampada Yojana

†261. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana";

(b) the details of the amount of money allocated and utilised so far under the said scheme, State-wise including Gujarat;

(c) the target set thereunder and the achievements made so far;

(d) the number of employment opportunities provided in rural areas under this scheme so far, the details thereof including that of Gujarat; and

(e) the details of the projects released under this scheme, State-wise including Gujarat?

#### Integrated Cattle Development Centre

262. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Integrated Cattle Development Centre;

(b) whether it is true that the Ministry has taken a decision to set up a Gokul Gram in Veterinary University, Hyderabad, as an Integrated Cattle Development Centre;

(c) if so, the time by which the proposal was moved and whether it is true that still Gokul Gram has not been started in the above University; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is going to be commissioned?

#### Fertilizer Import

†263. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL: SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizers are produced on a large scale in the country but at present import is increasing day by day in comparison to export and the production is stable;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action-plan to deal with this situation;

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

(e) whether the Government has fixed any accountability in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### Development of Agriculture in Bihar

†264. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI: SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) is working for the development of agriculture in Bihar;

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

(c) the details of the work done by the said institute for the development of agriculture during the last three years; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Funds for Welfare Schemes of SCs/  
BTC Sector**

†265. SHRI NABA KUMAR  
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to  
the State Government of Assam and  
Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) by the  
Ministry during the last three years and  
the details of areas where the funds have  
been spent;

(b) the schemes under which the funds  
have been allocated along with the number  
of people who have benefited from this in  
BTC sector; and

(c) the schemes being run by the  
Government for the scheduled castes and  
other backward classes and the details of  
the people who have benefited from these  
schemes in BTC sector?

**Grant for Development of  
Horticulture**

†266. SHRI SANJAY KAKA  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision is likely to  
be made by the Government to increase  
the amount of grant for development of  
horticulture and increasing its area under  
the National Agricultural Development  
Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes  
to make any kind of changes in the rules for  
this purpose, if so, the details of the same;

(c) whether the Government  
proposes to provide grant under the  
National Agricultural Development Scheme  
to set-up horticulture clusters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Navigation System for Fishermen**

267. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a satellite based  
navigation system GEMINI has been  
developed for the help of fishermen in deep  
sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is  
considering promoting the use of the same;  
and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the  
measures proposed by the Government?

**Farmers Club**

268. SHRI KOMATI REDDY  
VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Farmer's Club Programme  
implemented by NABARD is up to the  
satisfaction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of Farmer's Clubs being  
run all over the India along with the details  
thereof, State-wise and District-wise;

**Assistance to Tackle Climate Change**

271. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government  
to help farmers from the districts of  
Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur  
in coping with changing climate which has  
resulted in decline in traditional crops like  
Orange, Cardamom and Ginger;

(b) the details of capacity building,  
training on modern farming practices and  
techniques, and support for modern  
technology granted to the farmers in North  
Bengal; and

(c) the funds allocated towards  
developing cold storage and agriculture  
marketing infrastructure in the districts of  
Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur?

**Effect of Shortage of Seeds**

†272. SHRI RAMCHARAN  
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is stagnation in  
agriculture production due to shortage of  
quality seeds in the States including the  
backward areas;

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

(c) the demand and availability of  
seeds of various crops during each of the  
last three years and the current year, State-  
wise;

(d) whether any Federation of  
Farmer's Clubs have been developed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Cold Stores in Rural Areas**

269. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD  
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number/break up of existing  
cold storages in rural and urban areas of the  
country;

(b) the area where the majority of cold  
storages are located, rural area or urban area-  
wise;

(c) whether the Government deems it  
appropriate to increase the number of cold  
storages; and

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

**Mob Lynching**

270. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of death cases due to  
mob lynching on the suspicion of having  
beef meat in the recent past, State and year-  
wise;

(b) the details of cases booked and  
disposed of during each of the last three  
years and the current year and punishment  
given to the guilty, year and State-wise;  
and

(c) the steps taken by the Government  
to curb mob lynching?

(d) the details of the schemes being implemented to enhance the production/availability of quality seeds in the country; and

(e) the amount allocated, released and utilized under the said schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

### Challaning of Vehicles

†273. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

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

(a) the number of vehicles belonging to Government and non-Government offices challaned after implementation of new traffic rules till date and the amount of revenue earned from it;

(b) whether maintenance and fitness certificates are obtained for Government vehicles in order to overcome its problems from time to time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Increasing Communal Riots

274. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

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

(a) whether communal riots are increasing in the country over the past years;

(b) if so, the number of communal riots in the country during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise;

(c) the number of deaths or other casualties reported in such riots during the said period, year and State-wise;

(d) whether as per NCRB, the recorded incidents of agrarian riots jumped 327 per cent during the last two years and current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Promotion of New Systems of Aquaculture

†275. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether concrete steps have been taken or are being taken by the Government to promote biofloc and re-circulating aquaculture system for fisheries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes being run by the Government for construction of new ponds in addition to revival of dying ponds for fisheries?

### PM Kisan Scheme

276. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI: SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether PM Kisan Samman Nidhi a central sector scheme with 100 per cent funding from the Union Government has become operational, if so, the details thereof;

### Prices of Onion and other Primary Items

278. SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR H.:

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 action to normalise price of onion and other primary items across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Insurance for Families of Farmers

279. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any plan to give insurance coverage to the family members of agriculturists and agricultural labourers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether such proposal will be considered for implementation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Boosting Agriculture in Rajasthan

†280. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL: SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

(b) whether the State Governments and UT administrations have identified the farmer families which are eligible for support as per scheme guidelines, if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) the details of beneficiaries who benefitted under the above said scheme till date along with the details of fund allocated, utilised and unspent in the financial year 2019-2020, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government has faced any difficulties in implementing the above said scheme, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(e) the amount of funds sanctioned and released to each State/UT under the PM Kissan Scheme for the second instalment and third instalment; and

(f) whether there is any delay in the release of funds in the second and third instalments under the PM Kissan scheme and if so, the details thereof?

### Cotton Cultivation in Non-traditional States

277. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

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 increase cotton cultivation in the non-traditional States;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase areas under cotton in the Southern and Western Districts of Odisha; and

(c) the aid and assistance given to the farmers of these districts?

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to give boost to agriculture in inaccessible and dry areas like Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hybrid seeds have been developed for giving high yield and requiring less water; and

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

**Establishment of Central Agricultural Universities**

281. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to establish new Central Agriculture Universities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to establish such universities in Uttar Pradesh, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps undertaken by the Government to upgrade existing facilities in Agriculture Universities such as research labs, modern scientific equipment among others; and

(d) whether the Government plans to entrust Indian Council of Agricultural Research with regulatory powers over private agriculture colleges/universities and if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of Hindi and Sanskrit**

†282. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating on policy change initiatives to promote progressive use of Hindi and Sanskrit for official purposes;

(b) whether use of modern technology has also been planned, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought cooperation from international level companies as well in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the structural reforms being made by the Government for translating knowledge of various subjects into Hindi and Sanskrit;

(e) the details of vacancies of Hindi and Sanskrit translators in various Government institutions; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to create new posts for Hindi and Sanskrit translators and if so, the details thereof?

**BIS Standards for Chemicals**

283. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Chemicals produced and imported in the country are not conforming to BIS Standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has recently made BIS Standards mandatory for some Chemicals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Capital Goods Industry**

284. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of the capital goods industry in terms of annual percentage increments in the production output of the sector during the last five years; and

(b) the share of exports of the sector and the manner in which it has changed during the said period?

**Elections for Block Development Council**

285. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI: SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether election for Block Development Council (BDC) to elect Chairperson was held recently in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these chairpersons of BDC are elected by Sarpanches and Panches of the respective blocks;

(d) if so, whether it is a fact that vacancies in Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir are more than 50 per cent and even in some districts, 90 per cent BDC voters are missing;

(e) if so, the rationale behind holding elections without voters; and

(f) the district-wise outcome of the vote and steps taken to fill the vacant posts of BDC voters?

**Advisory for Tourist in J&K**

286. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Union Government has recently issued advisory for tourists in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of tourists who visited Jammu and Kashmir during the last 6 months including foreign tourists; and

(d) the income earned through tourism during the said period?

**Distress Sale due to Lack of Storage**

†287. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are compelled to resort to distress sale due to absence of proper storage facilities;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government for making adequate



arrangements of godowns for farmers' produce as the Government aims to doubling the income of farmers; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to make arrangements for transportation of milk, vegetables etc. to the cities and other remote areas?

#### Impact of Revocation of Article 370

288. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inputs considered before the decision to revoke Art. 370 was taken;

(b) the average attendance in Kashmir schools since August 5; and

(c) the number of times pellet guns have been used in Kashmir since August 5?

#### Free Coaching for SC and OBC Candidates

289. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been running a scheme for providing free coaching for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Class (OBC) candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of students who have received free coaching under this scheme during the last three years;

(c) the number of students who cleared the examinations for which they had received coaching under the scheme; and

(d) the details of the criteria and the number of institutions selected for providing free coaching, State/UT-wise?

#### SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

290. SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 as per the Supreme Court verdict;

(b) if so, the details and status thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to withdraw the dilution of SC/ST Act as per SC verdict;

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

(e) whether the Government has the data on the number of death cases reported under SC/ST Atrocities Act from various States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the reported cases during the last five years, State-wise?

#### Implementation of Provisions under APMC Act

291. SHRIMATI RITA  
BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been successful in persuading the States/UTs for implementing the provisions proposed under model APMC Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the top five and bottom five States/UTs as per the Agriculture Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI); and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for leading the low ranking States/UTs to implement the set of market reforms?

#### FCI Borrowings from NSSF

292. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

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 income stream of Food Corporation of India and the ways in which FCI meets its debt obligations;

(b) whether the FCI is securing loans from the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) for the hiring of foodgrain storage facilities;

(c) the details of plan choked out by FCI to deal with the increased Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wheat and rice and the manner in which FCI will be dealing with the increased financial burden;

(d) whether the Government is planning to increase the budget for FCI and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for the huge rise in debt of FCI Rs. 91,409 crore in March 2014 to Rs. 2.65 lakh crore in March 2019?

#### Bank Assistance for Increasing Milk Production

†293. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR  
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to seek assistance from the Central Banks and World Bank for increasing the production of milk in Uttar Pradesh given the gap between demand and production of milk in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure availability of milk as per the demand in the country?

#### Food Processing Clusters in Delhi/NCR

294. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish Micro Food Processing Clusters in near future specially in Delhi/NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of plan outlay and funding patterns for any such proposal in near future?

### PPP in Agriculture

295. SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government facilitates Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in agriculture and allied sectors throughout the country, if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any criteria for private entrepreneurs who intends to design suitable agricultural development projects, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has appointed a national level agency for promoting projects under PPP, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government for overall growth of agricultural sector in the country?

### Target for Foodgrain Production

296. SHRIMATI NUSRAT  
JAHAN RUHI:

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 set target to meet the

production target of 300 million tonnes of foodgrains by 2025;

(b) if so, the quantum of fertilizer which will be required to produce 300 million tonnes of foodgrain, the details thereof; and

(c) the present situation of domestic production of fertilizer in India?

### Bridge to Mumbai APMC

†297. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agricultural Produce Market Committee is constructing a bridge for plying of vehicles at Mumbai Agricultural Produce Market Committee situated at Vaashi in Navi Mumbai which falls under Thane Lok Sabha Constituency;

(b) if so, the present status thereof and the name of the agency which is bearing the cost and the tune by which the construction work of the said bridge is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether the local people and traders will face problems during the monsoon season if the work of said bridge remains incomplete and the measures taken/schemes formulated in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

### Rashtriya Gokul Mission

298. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of livestock registered under Rashtriya Gokul Mission till 2019 in Jharkhand, district-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries of the Sub-Mission on Skill Development, Technology Transfer and Extension under National Livestock Mission in the State of Jharkhand, district-wise, and

(c) the salient features of Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund and the details on the various projects and amount of concessional finances provided for projects in Jharkhand in 2019?

### Conference in NIPER

299. SHRIMATI RAKSHA  
NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the international conference on Neurological disorders & Therapeutics organized at National Institute of Pharmaceuticals Education & Research (NIPER) recently to explore & encourage approaches to stimulate new ideas for research & treatment in this spectrum, as in the recent scenario, India is the largest exporter of generic drugs globally;

(b) whether the Government is taking steps to establish world class research & development facilities in the country so as to make the country the topmost drug discovery & innovation hub in the world; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Training of Farmers

300. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/ programmes run by the Government for skill development and training of the farmers in the field of agriculture and allied sectors;

(b) whether the Government has earmarked funds under various schemes for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of funds earmarked and spent thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State/UT-wise including Bihar; and

(d) the details of the success achieved under the programme during the said period and the reaction of the Government thereto?

### Gap in Wholesale & Retail Prices of Vegetables

301. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a huge gap between the wholesale and retail prices of vegetables in various parts of the country, which not only hurt the farmers but also consumers; and

(b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any plan to resolve this problem,

if so, the details thereof and the time by which it would be implemented?

#### Objectionable Online Content

302. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI B.Y.  
RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints from citizens on objectionable online content related to pornography, child sexual abuse material and sexually explicit material etc;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is taking any stringent measures to prevent such objectionable online materials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken against the offenders/ culprits responsible for uploading such materials online?

#### Setting up of Storage Facilities

303. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations from social organizations regarding financial assistance for setting up of chain of storage facilities

including cold storage and associated logistics facilities to overcome the damages caused in final agro products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

#### Strength of Women Personnel in CAPFs

304. SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA VISWANATH:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the actual strength of women personnel in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is giving more incentives to women while recruiting them to encourage them; and

(c) the special recruitment drives conducted and enrolment in this regard alongwith the response received so far?

#### Safety Norms

305. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the safety norms for food banks and organizations distributing surplus food to register and comply with safety norms; and

(b) the details of the fund allotted for each State?

#### Availability of Urea

306. SHRI GIRISH  
BHALLCHANDRA  
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to ensure availability and timely supply of urea and other fertilizers to the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the arrangements being made for the supply of urea and other fertilizers to farmers in the States, especially Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government is considering to set up new fertilizer plants in various States including Maharashtra for the manufacture of urea and other fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time-limit for setting up of such plants?

#### Construction of Roads

307. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads constructed with the assistance of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Kerala including Alappuzha, so far, since 2015;

(b) the number of roads proposed to be constructed under PMGSY during 2019-20 in Kerala; and

(c) whether the Government would change the concerned width of 6m of PMGSY road to 4m due to scarcity of land in coastal areas in Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

#### Food Processing Industries

308. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is encouraging the Food Processing Industries in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the role of private and public partnerships in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to remove hurdles in this sector to achieve the desired results?

#### Increase in Premium Rates under PMFBY

309. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognisance of the increasing premium rates under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and the effects it has had on farmers' willingness to take the benefits under the scheme, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any regulatory guidelines in place to put a ceiling/limit on the premium rates decided

by the insurance companies, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has received any credible reports or information on manipulation of yield data by State Governments to help their farmers get higher claim settlements and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Demands of Tobacco Farmers**

310. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that tobacco farmers are protesting for adequate price for their tobacco crop;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received any representation demanding increase to Rs. 200 per kg of tobacco bought by the Board along with Rs. 1,750 (without tax) per kg for single barrel tobacco;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to meet the growing demands of the tobacco farmers; and

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

#### **Rehabilitation of Beggars**

311. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a Central legislation criminalising the practice of beggary;

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

(c) the details of the number of beggars in Delhi alongwith the details of the gender ratio of the beggars;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to reintegrate and rehabilitate the beggars in Delhi; and

(e) the budget allocated by the Government for social development of beggars?

#### **Claims of Gujarat under NFS scheme**

†312. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat has made any claim for its share under the National Food Security Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government for issuance of the said claimed fund?

#### **FAME INDIA Scheme**

313. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

ceiling on crop insurance premium charged by insurance companies, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether there are any plans to amend the PM Fasal Bima Yojana guidelines, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Promotion of Bio-fertilizers**

315. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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 proposes to encourage bio-fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in district Gopalganj of Bihar in view of their adverse effect of human health;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study on the impact of usage of bio-fertilizers on production in district Gopalganj of Bihar; and

(c) whether the Government would promote production/research of such bio fertilizers in rural areas of country specially in district Gopalganj of Bihar?

#### **Enlisting of Costly Drugs**

316. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that over 80 per cent of costly drugs are not on the list of essential medicines thereby burdening the common man;

(a) whether the Government has withdrawn the incentives given to buyers of mild hybrid vehicles under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-INDIA) scheme;

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

(c) whether the said scheme was launched in 2015 to popularize the use of electric vehicles in the country; and

(d) if so, the total number of buyers of electric vehicles given cash and non-cash subsidies since the launch of the scheme?

#### **Premium Collection under PMFBY**

314. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gross premium collected by insurance companies under PM Fasal Bima Yojana since its implementation, season-wise, year-wise, company-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is true that the number of insured farmers are either constant or have declined if one looks at year-on-year basis;

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

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that there are many instances where crop insurance companies are charging very high premium and thereby hugely burdening the States;

(e) if so, whether there are any proposal before the Ministry to put a

(b) if so, the reasons for keeping them out of price control and the efforts being made to bring them under price control;

(c) whether NITI Aayog is encroaching upon the powers of the NPPA through Standing Committee; and

(d) if so, the reasons for interference of NITI Aayog in the affairs of NPPA?

#### Medical Device Park

317. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Pharmaceuticals has any scheme regarding setting up of Medical Device Park in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Medical Device Park set up in various States so far; and

(d) the number of Medical Device Park propose to be set up in the country along with the target date for setting up of the same?

#### Decline in Auto Sales

318. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
SHRI BALUBHAU *ALIAS*  
SURESH NARAYAN  
DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's auto sales has declined for the 11th straight

month in September, 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the slumping down of automobile sales in the country which has consequently led to the loss of jobs in the auto sector; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to put a check on such a steep fall of auto sales?

#### MGNREGA Labourers

†319. SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana on payment of a premium of Rs 12/- and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Bima Yojana for Rs. 330/- implemented by the Government mandatory for crores of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) labourers for their welfare and safety;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the mandays of MGNREGA labourers;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment on the aspects of benefits and security of the above schemes in respect of MGNREGA labourers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Global Hunger Index

320. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

SHRI UTTAM KUMAR  
REDDY NALAMADA:  
SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is lagging behind even its neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal in starvation and malnutrition index and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is overflowing of foodgrain stocks in Food Corporation of India (FCI) warehouses and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had said that 1150 metric tonnes of foodgrains are still stored in the godowns in the country and 73.6 million tonnes of foodgrains in FCI's central pool are still stored in the godowns in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for achieving Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger;

(c) whether 19 crore people in the country are still sleeping every day without a morsel for food and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any measures are being taken to rectify the problem of persisting hunger/starvation despite overflowing foodgrain stock and make foodgrains more accessible in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Culture Fishing and Fishing Assistance

321. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to certify fishermen under Recognition of Prior Learning Scheme;

(b) the number of trainees enrolled by Agriculture Skill Council of India for the segments of 'Culture Fishing' and 'Fishing Assistance' in the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the placement statistics of such trainees;

(d) whether such training in the fishery segment also includes the training of disaster management; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Schemes for Orphans and Physically Challenged Persons

†322. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being run by the Government for the orphans and physically challenged persons; and

(b) the details of the amount spent under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the orphans and physically challenged persons during the last three years?

#### Disinvestment of PSUs

323. DR. VISHNU PRASAD  
M.K.:

SHRI S.  
JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to disinvest public sector undertakings under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the names of such undertakings and the details thereof;

(c) whether profit making companies are also being disinvested or privatized and if so, the rationale thereof;

(d) whether any protest/objections was raised by the stakeholders, especially, employees union and associations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to review the disinvestment decision?

#### Strengthening of Panchayati Raj System

†324. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL  
CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a draft to further strengthen the Panchayati Raj System and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number and details of Panchayats and Panchayat representatives awarded in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated by the Government under the Development

Head to all the Panchayats during the last three years, State-wise?

#### Compensation for Natural Calamities

325. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA  
SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any action plan to compensate farmers who have lost all or part of their harvest, capital and machinery due to natural calamities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of any such action taken by the Government to ensure the supply of seeds, soft loans, etc. in different States, keeping in mind the specific needs in each State; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce subsidy for fertilizers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Subsidy to Fertilizer Plants

†326. SHRI SATYADEV  
PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of fertilizer plants which have been given subsidy during the last five years including the amount of subsidy;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revive those fertilizer plants

which were closed due to delay in disbursement of subsidy;

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

(d) whether subsidy for the year 2018-19 has been disbursed to the fertilizer plants which are operational at present; and

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

#### Compensation Scheme for Crop Loss due to Extreme Rain

†327. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department has formulated any scheme to provide fair price or compensation for the crops during the time of extreme rain conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details in respect of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh in this regard; and

(c) if not, the alternative arrangement made by the Government in this regard?

#### Introduction of Zero Budget Farming

328. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN  
SINGH:  
SHRIMATI KANIMOSHI  
KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is contemplating the introduction of Zero

Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) to enhance the financial position of Indian farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the budgetary allocation for ZBNF;

(c) whether sections of Agricultural scientists, as per newspaper reports, are opposed to ZBNF as it is not cost effective, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any scientific evidence regarding the efficacy of ZBNF, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is positive that ZBNF will aid in doubling the income of farmers by 2022, if so, the details of all such schemes that will help achieve the target set?

#### Accessible Toilets for Divyangs

329. SHRIMATI SANDHYA  
RAY:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
SHRI DHANUSH M.  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the demand for accessible toilets for divyangs in rural and urban areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of divyang accessible toilets constructed and made operational in rural and urban areas during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has launched San-Sadhan Hackathon under Swachh Bharat Mission for Divyang

Accessible Toilets recently and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives behind it;

(d) whether the Government is inviting innovative solutions for economical toilets for use in rural and urban contexts, if so, the details thereof along with the number of students, startups who had actively taken part in it; and

(e) the further steps taken by the Government to provide divyang accessible toilets in a time bound manner?

#### **Inadequate Storage Capacity**

†330. SHRI DULAL CHAND  
GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantum of onion, tomato, potato, wheat, corn, paddy and pulses go wasted every year due to inadequate storage capacity as a result of which the farmers are unable to get even the cost price;

(b) whether the prices of the vegetables and foodgrains sometimes become erratic due to erratic supply;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is implementing a new National Cold Storage Policy for redressal of these problems and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Days of Employment under MGNREGA**

331. DR. PRITAM  
GOPINATHRAO  
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average days of wage employment provided per household has only been 50, instead of 100 days under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the financial year 2018-19;

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

(c) the names of the States which provided less number of days of employment under MGNREGA, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide at least 100 days in a year; and

(e) whether the Government plans to launch a new project under which a stipend of up to Rs. 20,000 will be given to MGNREGA labourers who undergo training in skills such as masonry or carpentry and if so, the present status thereof?

#### **Increasing Production of Oilseeds and Edible Oils**

†332. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI JAI PRAKASH:  
SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRIMATI RATHVA  
GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI SHANTANU  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps are being taken by the Government for increasing the production of oilseeds and edible oils in order to avoid need for import of edible oils;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether even one tenth of the total area in the country is not used for farming/cultivation of oilseeds; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for promoting farming/cultivation of oilseeds among farmers so that there is no need of importing edible oils?

#### **Steps to Promote Agriculture**

333. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote agriculture in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken up training programmes for farmers with respect to scientific methods of agriculture; and

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

#### **Agricultural Productivity**

†334. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of agricultural productivity in the country during the last ten years;

(b) the contribution made towards the agricultural productivity, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to improve the agricultural productivity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Seed Replacement Rate**

335. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to increase the Seed Replacement Rate in the country;

(b) whether figures for the Seed Replacement Rate for the year 2018 are available;

(c) if so, whether State-wise data of the same year can be presented; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the non-availability of up-to-date data?

#### **Farmer Suicides over Loans**

336. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:  
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:  
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the data of suicide of farmers in the country, if

so, the details thereof for the last four financial years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any idea about the loans of farmers who committed suicide, if so, the details of the average liability of a farmer who committed suicide;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to write off the existing loans of the farmers who committed suicide as well as those of small and medium farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has the data of waived loans of farmers in the last four financial years, the details thereof;

(e) the initiatives taken by the Government to support the farmers financially and increase their income, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has any programmes for providing psychological support for farmers to check the instances of suicide among debt ridden farmers, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Agriculture in Arid Land**

†337. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Union Government to various States/UTs to promote arid land agriculture during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the total area of land brought under arid land agriculture in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the incentives provided to the farmers for arid land agriculture; and

(d) the extent to which the success has been achieved in this regard?

#### **Steps to Aid Sugarcane Farmers**

338. SHRI KUNWAR DANISH  
ALI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government for the betterment of sugarcane farmers;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of sugarcane farmers committed suicide due to their inability to repay their bank loan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ban on Export of Onion**

339. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has banned the export of onion due to soaring prices in the country;

(b) if so, whether there has been any adverse impact of export on its prices in the domestic market and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether onion producing farmers across the country, particularly in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh are being affected adversely due to ban on export of onion and have submitted a written representation to the Union Minister to remove the ban;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the ban on export of onion has adversely affected the India's economy being the largest exporter of onion and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to devise a policy in the near future in this regard so that domestic consumers and farmers are not affected by this kind of ban, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Assistance for Crop Loss**

†340. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places in Maharashtra which were recently affected by rain and hailstorm in Marathwada area of Maharashtra;

(b) whether crops have been damaged in these areas/places and whether any assessment has been made by the Union Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof including the number of

farmers whose crops have been damaged, the details of the farmers who have been affected and the assessment of the losses;

(c) whether any report has been received from the State in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has helped these farmers with funds/ subsidy and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has compensated these rain affected farmers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government to improve the condition of the farmers?

#### **Status of Sections of Article 371**

341. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the stand of the Government on Article 371(2) and Articles 371(a) to 371(I) of the Constitution of India;

(b) the number of Articles/Schedules inserted into the Constitution through various Constitutional orders by the President exercising authority under various Articles of the Indian Constitution;

(c) the details of all such Constitutional Provisions and schedules along with the various mechanisms through which they were inserted into the Constitution; and

(d) the stand of the Government on the validity of these Constitutional insertions that have not followed the amending process outlined in Article 368 of the Indian Constitution?



**Production of Compost from Farm Waste**

†342. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the production of compost using agricultural waste and animal dung; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the last three years?

**Incentives for the Use of Micro Irrigation**

343. SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the incentives given by the Government to farmers to promote the use of micro irrigation;

(b) whether there are challenges in promoting drip irrigation due to the free or subsidized power given by the Government to farmers to pump water and the manner in which the Government planning to tackle the issue; and

(c) whether steps are being taken to promote awareness about drip irrigation and cultivating less water intensive crops in India, as according to reports Central Water Commission suggest that India's

farmers cultivate water intensive crops and the awareness among farmers about this is very less?

**Incidents of Stone Pelting**

†344. SHRI KANAKMAL  
KATARA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the incidents of stone pelting since the scrapping of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of stone pelting incidents reported during the period and the number of people arrested for involvement in such incidents and sent to jail;

(d) whether the Government has identified the forces working behind it; and

(e) if so, the action taken against such persons/organisations?

**Fund for Farmer Producer Organisations**

345. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is contemplating to set up a fund to nurture the farmer producer organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the facilities being offered to farmers under this scheme?

**State-of-the-Art Food Godowns**

†346. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:

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 sanctioned any scheme to set up the state-of-the-art food godowns;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the said godowns constructed by the Government so far out of the total godowns sanctioned by it, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to fix any responsibility for the delay being caused in the construction work of the state-of-the-art godowns and fix any time-limit for the construction of the godowns?

**Farmers Eligible for PM Kisan Yojana**

†347. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps have been taken for the benefit of eligible farmers by the State Governments by listing the names of eligible farmers under Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme;

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

(c) the number of eligible farmers informed and shortlisted by the State Government of Chhattisgarh and the number of eligible farmers who were distributed Kisan Samman Fund;

(d) the current details of farmers benefitted so far, district-wise/area-wise; and

(e) the reasons for not taking proper action on it?

**Global Hunger Index 2019**

348. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR  
REDDY NALAMADA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI HIBI EDEN:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the latest Global Hunger Index 2019, India ranks a lowly 102 out of 117 nations categorized as a nation with serious levels of hunger, if so, whether India's ranking has slipped dramatically since 2014 and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a substantial proportion of the country's population continue to suffer from lack of food according to the said report, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to look into all the aspects of the problem;

(c) the achievement made by the Government after implementing the National Food Security Act (NFSA) to end hunger in India;

(d) the challenges and difficulties faced by the Government while implementing the NFSA; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to end hunger in India to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goal?

#### **Coconut Oil from Lakshadweep**

349. MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to stop the import/supply of coconut oil from other parts of the country to Lakshadweep since Lakshadweep is self sufficient in coconut; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Right to Work under MGNREGA**

350. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) 2006, that aims to guarantee the 'right to work', is fulfilling its unique objectives for the rural poor, especially the landless labourers and small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the relevant details of rural and urban unemployment rates in Kerala, total number of beneficiaries, districts covered under MGNREGA, socio-economic status scale over different districts, heterogeneous works and work age group, and the male and female worker distribution;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether any significant steps are being taken to address the anomalies on the implementation side, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the noteworthy role of community-based organizations and women self-help groups under MGNREGA in Kerala?

#### **WhatsApp Tapping**

351. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government does Tapping of WhatsApp calls and Messages in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the protocol being followed in getting permissions before tapping WhatsApp calls and messages;

(d) whether it is similar to that of mobile phones/telephones;

(e) whether the Government uses Pegasus software of Israel for this purpose;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government does tapping of calls and messages of other platforms like Facebook Messenger, Viber, Google and similar platforms and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Import of Petrochemicals**

352. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of domestic production of major chemicals and petrochemicals in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether imports of chemicals and petrochemicals has touched a whopping Rs. 1.21 lakh crore annually in 2018-19;

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

(d) whether the Government is considering to attract investments in this sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to boost domestic production of chemicals and petrochemicals to cut down import and make India a manufacturing hub for the sector and if so, the steps taken in this direction and the time by which it is likely to be accomplished?

#### **Details of PMFBY**

353. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) along with the details of insurer companies and the system of approval for insurance of agricultural yield;

(b) the details of the premium collected since the launch of PMFBY till date, State/UT-wise and date-wise;

(c) the details of insurance amount given away, State/UT-wise and date-wise;

(d) whether insurers have returned the premium collected from farmers in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to resolve this problem, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Creation of Autonomous State

354. SHRI HOREN SING BEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Assam met the Hon'ble Prime Minister recently and submitted a Memorandum demanding the immediate implementation of Article 244(A) of the Constitution of India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that huge disparity exists in the quantum of per capita Government funding between the hill Tribal area of Assam and Tribal area of Meghalaya and Mizoram, hence creation of Autonomous state in accordance with Article 244(A) would help raise the quantum of per capita Government funding in that area and which would fulfil the tribal people's trust on the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken any suitable steps to implement the provision of Article 244 (A) of the Constitution for creation of Autonomous State and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government has any immediate plan to create Autonomous State as this is the major poll promise in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts?

#### Laying of Railway Lines

†355. SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra to give 50 per cent share of the amount likely to be expended for the laying of railway lines in naxal affected area of the country, especially in Vadhasa-Gadchiroli and Nagpur-Nagbhir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government so far in this regard;

(d) the reasons for delay in giving 50 per cent amount by the Ministry for the laying of railway lines in naxal affected areas; and

(e) the proposed time-line to complete the said works?

#### Progress under DILRMP

356. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress and achievement made by the Government on the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) since its launch;

(b) the details of number of Land Records which have been modernized and updated, State-wise along with the problems faced by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the progress of DILRMP has been slow in some States;

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

(e) the details of the funds allocated under DILRMP to States/UTs for surveys and re-surveys across the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(f) whether the Government has fixed any timeframe to complete the Land Records Modernization Programme and if so, the details thereof?

#### Application of New FPIs

357. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time duration taken to give approval for a new product put up by entrepreneurs in the field of Food Processing Industry;

(b) the details of number of applications of food processing unit

pending with the competent authorities during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is a big problem in getting a new product approved by entrepreneurs in the field of Food Processing Industry, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has devised any solution to the problem of delays faced by the entrepreneurs in obtaining product approval from the authorities concerned, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken in this direction; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to expedite the clearance of approvals?

#### Discrimination against Dalits

358. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that even in today's time, dalits are barred from entering temples in some regions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Attacks of Maoists

359. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the attacks of Maoist in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether attacks of Maoist were reported in Kerala during the last five years;

(d) if so, the details of attacks reported along with the death or injury reported in Kerala due to the attacks of Maoist during the last three years;

(e) whether any case has registered against Maoist during the last three years in Kerala;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether encounters between Maoist and police were reported from Kerala during the last three years; and

(h) if so, the number of Maoist and police personnel died and injured in the Maoist attacks and encounters during the last three years?

#### Prices of Essential Commodities

360. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:  
SHRI PASUNOORI  
DAYAKAR:  
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA  
BORLAKUNTA:  
SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA VISWANATH:  
ADV. A.M. ARIFF:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

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 aware of the rise/fall in prices of various essential

commodities including vegetables, tomato, edible oils, various pulses and onion in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof comparatively during the last three years, item-wise along with the reasons for such rise of various prices; and

(c) the details of remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government to contain the rising food prices in future along with the alternative measures taken by evolving a proper mechanism as on date?

#### BRGF in Kerala

361. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the centrally sponsored Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), certain areas have been identified in Kerala especially in districts like Wayanad, Malappuram, Palakkad, Idukki, Kollam, Trivandrum and other parts of the State;

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

(c) the scheme under the BRGF and award for implementation to Kerala and particularly to the above mentioned districts along with the details of funds released during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the status of these schemes and the details of beneficiaries including the method of monitoring adopted in this regard?

#### Violation of Laws

†362. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:  
SHRI SADASHIV KISAN  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing trend towards violation of laws and taking the law into one's own hands in the country;

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

(c) the details of the provisions made by the Government in this regard and the reasons for non-compliance of the said provisions; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure strict compliance of the said provisions?

#### Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana

†363. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines laid down for selection of villages under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY);

(b) whether there are guidelines to re-select only those villages which have been selected earlier under any scheme like Lohia Gram Yojana, Ambedkar Gram Yojana, etc.;

(c) whether there is any scheme for overall development of those Scheduled Castes dominated new villages which have not been selected under any scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### National Police University

364. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI DHANUSH M.  
KUMAR:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a world-class National Police University (NPU) exclusively for police to provide intense training, Research and Development (R&D) and policy making;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any land has been identified by the Government for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the programmes to be offered in the university;

(e) the details regarding the source of funding for this project and the time by which the University is likely to start functioning; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to make police force in India a world class unit?

#### Proposal for Bharat Ratna to Veer Savarkar

†365. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA  
SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to confer Bharat Ratna on the great revolutionary, historian, social reformer, thinker and litterateur of India, Veer Savarkar who was one of the leading personalities of Indian freedom struggle and a prominent nationalist leader;

(b) whether the Government has received representations from the public representatives in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the progress made in this regard as on date?

#### Wastage of Cereals

366. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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 due to lack of proper storage, huge quantities of cereals (wheat-rice) was laid to waste over the years;

(b) if so, the details of cereals wasted during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has not allowed export despite adequate stocks of cereals;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has adequate reserves of cereals to tackle drought situation in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Opposition to Direct Cash Transfer for Fertilizer Subsidy

367. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 64 per cent of the farmers are against introduction of Direct Cash Transfer (DCT) for fertilizers subsidy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether NITI Aayog has conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether under DCT scheme, farmers need to pay market price to buy fertilizers;

(f) if so, whether DCT scheme is likely to increase financial burden on farmers as they have to buy fertilizers at market price; and

(g) if so, the decision taken or being taken by the Government in the wake of farmers' views in this regard?

#### Progress of Framework Agreement with NSCN(IM)

368. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress regarding the 'Framework Agreement' signed on 3rd August 2015 with Naga NSCN (IM);

(b) the deadlocks or differences hindering the progress;

(c) whether the Government has agreed for socio-economic and cultural integrations of Nagas with other States of the North East;

(d) if so, whether the Government has consulted and taken approval from each State of the North East; and

(e) the status of NSCN(IM) demand for separate flag and constitutions for Nagas?

#### Use of Machines under MGNREGS

369. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the increasing demand from multiple States to allow machines for undertaking the notified works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), especially for executing projects in difficult terrain;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering to allow the use of machines in work done under MGNREGS;

(d) if so, the time by which changes are likely to be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Market Intervention Scheme

†370. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:  
DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Market Intervention Scheme protects the food growers from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop production when the prices fall below economic levels and cost of production;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the provisions in this regard; and

(c) the names of the markets that have provided such security to the food growers and the number of farmers who have benefitted from this during the last three years?

#### Ban on Plastics

†371. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of factories producing plastics in the country;

(b) whether the Government has put a complete ban on production of plastic in these factories from 2nd October, 2019;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has banned the usage of plastics in various products like chips, kurkure, namkeen, maggi by multinational companies in the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### 12th India Security Summit

372. SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI DHANUSH M.  
KUMAR:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organized the 12th India Security Summit recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the theme of the summit along with the issues discussed and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has rolled out a scheme 'Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (IC)' for the period 2018-2020, to combat cyber crime in the country;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme and its components;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to spread awareness on cyber crime to prevent cyber crime and expedite investigation and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there has been an increase in the incidence of cyber crimes in the country; and

(g) if so, the details of measures taken to deal with cyber crimes and developing a holistic policy for meticulous enforcement of cyber laws in the country including in Tripura?

### Delays in Claims of PMFBY

373. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are delays in release of claims to farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), if so the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there are instances where insurance companies have unduly benefitted from the scheme by having a monopoly in a district and going slow on issuing insurances during a drought year and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of reforms taken to improve the scheme?

### Rise in Crime in Delhi

374. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi has recorded over 40% of the total crimes across metro cities in 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the increase in crimes in the capital;

(d) the number of various crimes like Motor Vehicle Theft, death in road accident, robbery, death by negligence and murder reported in the country, metro city and State-wise during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken to check crimes in the country?

### Powers to Panchayats

375. SHRI ADALA  
PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Panchayats are being given greater powers so that villagers can have a greater measure of swaraj (self-Government) in their own villages;

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

(c) whether Panchayats are being given financial aid sufficiently to run local self-Government; and

(d) if so, the details of aid provided to them, State-wise?

### Youva Sahakar Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme

376. SHRI SRIDHAR  
KOTAGIRI:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN  
REDDY:  
SHRI B.B. PATIL:  
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a Youva Sahakar Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme

2019 under the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) recently giving wings to young entrepreneurs in cooperatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of young entrepreneurs benefitted across the country including in Telangana, district-wise;

(c) whether any support is provided under the scheme to various agriculture cooperative societies in the States and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the National Cooperative Development Corporation has provided loan/incentive/subsidy to cooperative institutes for development of cooperative infrastructure in the country; and

(e) if so, the details of such assistance/funds given by the Government to the said institutes during each of the last three years and the current year, institute and State/UT-wise?

### Generic Medicines

†377. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes or has made it mandatory for the doctors to prescribe only the low priced generic medicines for the patients;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for monitoring the medicines prescribed by the doctors or sold by the pharmacies;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage the use of indigenous manufactured medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Compensation for Land beyond Fencing

378. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers whose land lies across the barbed wire on the International Border in Punjab are to be paid compensation by the Government but no compensation has been paid to them for the last two years;

(b) if so, whether the Government will pay this compensation in a time bound manner in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Schemes for Vulnerable Sections

379. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been successful in monitoring and supervising the schemes implemented for the vulnerable sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is keeping a track on the activities of the dubious Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other support groups/ rehabilitation centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Research on Banana Farming

†380. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had given its approval to start research work at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University, Pusa in Bihar in order to encourage farming of Banana and to increase its production;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and its impact on production of banana in the State along with the benefits being received by the farmers;

(c) whether the Union Government had also given approval to open Banana Research Centre at Goraul of Vaishali district of Bihar and if so, the present status thereof; and

(d) whether it is true that the average production of banana in Bihar is very low compared to that of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu whereas there is plenty of potential for banana production in the State and it is also the third biggest banana producing State in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### Spurious Manure and Chemical Fertilizers

†381. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:  
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are bearing heavy losses due to spurious/low quality seeds, spurious insecticides and spurious fertilizers being sold in the market/supplied to them;

(b) the number of complaints received by the Government in this regard along with the details thereof and the steps taken/ being taken to stop this;

(c) the number of companies which manufacture spurious seeds, spurious insecticides, spurious fertilizers in Uttar Pradesh along with the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to compensate the losses of the farmers due to spurious seeds, spurious insecticides and spurious fertilizers; and

(e) whether the Government has discussed/issued any instructions to the State Governments to improve the quality of the crops and for addressing the said problems, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government is contemplating to take steps in this regard?

### Exchange of Fire on LoC

382. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani soldiers killed in the valley since abrogation of Article 370;

(b) the number of incidents of exchange of fire that took place across the Line of Control since August 05, 2019;

(c) the details of preparedness in place to face escalated exchange of fire from across the border;

(d) whether the Government is planning to initiate dialogue with Pakistan to bring about normalcy across the Line of Control; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to re-start mail from Pakistan and vice-versa?

### Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

†383. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to open new project of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) in Bhandara district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be launched; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Concession for Persons with Orthopaedic Disability

384. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government, in pursuance of Ministry of Finance Notification No. 14/2019-Integrated Tax Rate dated 30.09.2019, has notified the revised guidelines for availing concessional rate of GST, for purchase of vehicle by the persons with orthopaedic disability of 40 per cent and above;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the persons with orthopaedic disability, State-wise including District Satna (M.P.) as on date;

(d) the details of purchase of vehicle by the persons with orthopaedic disability, State-wise including District Satna (M.P.) as on date; and

(e) the details of concessional rate of GST availed by the persons with orthopaedic disability of 40 per cent and above as on date, State-wise including district Satna (M.P.)?

#### **Irrigation Schemes for Rainfed Areas**

385. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes that are available to provide irrigation water to farmers in rainfed agricultural areas;

(b) the number of watershed projects that have been sanctioned and completed under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY- Watershed Component), State-wise including Jharkhand;

(c) the amount of funds released for watershed projects under PMKSY, State-wise including Jharkhand;

(d) whether the Government intends to sanction new watershed projects under PMKSY for rainfed agricultural areas in Jharkhand; and

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

#### **Talcher Fertilizers Limited**

386. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the status of work in Talcher Fertilizers Limited as on date;

(b) whether the said work is progressing as per the schedule envisaged by the Government and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government, through this joint venture between GAIL, CIL, RCF and FCIL has any plans or schemes to develop the local region through initiatives especially in the field of education, healthcare and road infrastructure;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to address the issues related to the development of the infrastructure as stated above?

#### **CSR Works by PSUs**

387. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the works undertaken by Cement Factories and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years and the current year in the State of Karnataka, location-wise and PSU-wise;

(b) the amount of funds spent on different works during the said period and the number of persons benefitted therefrom, location and PSU-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any Reports of Social Audit conducted to track CSR funds by these PSUs; and

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

#### **Cyber Crime**

388. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the younger generation are more vulnerable to cyber crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to include cyber crime awareness as part of curriculum of the students apart from making stringent laws to control the crime; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Schemes of Fisheries**

†389. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA: SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed any scheme in the interest of farmers engaged in fisheries;

(b) if so, the number of people benefitted through such schemes and the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any scheme is likely to be prepared by the Government in the coming years, through which small fishing farmers can be connected with fisheries; and

(d) if so, the time by which such schemes will be finalized and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Electric Buses**

390. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved/sanctioned 5595 electric buses to 64 Cities/State Govt. Entities/STUs recently for intra-city and inter-city operation under phase-II of the FAME India Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of buses allotted to the State of Andhra Pradesh in the current financial year?

#### **Jagi Road and Panchgram Paper Mills**

391. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री



be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the employees of Jagiroad and Panchgram Paper Mills of the HPCL have not been receiving their salaries and dues for the last 35 months and that several of the highly distressed employees have committed suicides;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan proposed to be taken by the Ministry to salvage and operationalize the Jagiroad and Panchgram Paper Mills of HPCL and payment of dues and salaries to the employees of these mills?

#### Funds to MGNREGS

392. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works taken up in Salem district in Tamil Nadu during the last three years under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned and utilised during the said period along with the criteria adopted to take up the works, year-wise; and

(c) the details of workforce engaged under MGNREGS along with the wages paid to them during the said period, gender-wise?

#### National Food Security Mission

393. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

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 current status of supplementary food programmes in India;

(b) the current status of the National Food Security Mission;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to provide any special packages for the reassessment of various nutrition schemes which are not working properly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Functioning of CPSEs

394. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) functioning in the country including Maharashtra under different Ministries / Departments of the Government at present;

(b) the total investment made therein, State/UT-wise especially in Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the losses incurred by CPSEs during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of the efforts made by the Government for the revival of loss making CPSEs?

#### Welfare of Economically Weaker Sections

395. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people in the country recognized under Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category, State-wise;

(b) the details of such people, gender-wise and age-wise;

(c) whether the Government aims to introduce more measures for the welfare of the Economically Weaker Sections in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Suvidha Programme

396. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Suvidha programme started under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP);

(b) the number of stores where Suvidha sanitary napkins are available, State-wise including Chandigarh; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to publicize the programme through Television, Radio, Print and other forms of media?

#### Setting up of Industry for Educated Youth

397. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central schemes to provide employment to the growing number of well-educated youth in the country;

(b) the action taken by the Government on the request of local MP who had demanded to build/create an industry like Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. on the available 373 hectares of land under Osmanabad Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) to provide employment to this section of unemployed youth during zero hour on 21 June 2019; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to stop the migration of well-educated unemployed youth from Osmanabad district to other districts due to unseasonal rains, drought hit farming, under developed MIDC and absence of employment opportunities?

#### Promotion of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

†398. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote animal husbandry and dairying along with encouraging the farmers during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the amount of funds allocated and utilized for animal husbandry and dairying in Madhya Pradesh during the above mentioned period; and

(c) the details of income and employment created in animal husbandry and dairying industry in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh during the said period, State-wise?

#### Overflowing Food Stocks with FCI

399. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry/Food Corporation of India has written to the Ministry of External Affairs to help reduce the burden of carrying overflowing food stocks with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) by looking into the possibility of providing surplus food as 'humanitarian aid' to deserving countries;

(b) if so, the response from the Ministry of External Affairs thereto; and

(c) the details of the quantum of the excess food stocks available for such 'humanitarian aid'?

#### Joint Venture

†400. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to promote joint venture fertilizer projects taken up with foreign collaboration to minimize dependence on imported urea and to overcome the shortage of gas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any positive response has been received from any foreign country for setting up of such projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the forex saved and the quantum of additional increase in the fertilizers produced annually due to the said measures in the country;

(e) whether the availability of the said products has been ensured from these measures in the country; and

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

#### Funds for SCs and OBCs

†401. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether data regarding the population of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the country is available with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to allocate funds to be spent on development schemes on the basis of the available data;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government has failed to eradicate poverty and minimise starvation deaths despite poverty alleviation campaigns and schemes being implemented in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Effect of low Agricultural Production

†402. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a possibility of inflation due to the low production of agricultural yield;

(b) whether the Union Government has made any alternative arrangement to deal with it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Assistance for Crop Loss in Maharashtra

403. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL

SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra particularly Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara and Mumbai districts and Madhya Pradesh specially Mandasaur district were affected by unprecedented rains and floods in recent months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this has caused damage to a large quantum of standing crops and high value horticulture crops in these districts and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments seeking financial assistance for loss of crops;

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

(e) whether the Government has sent a Central team to the affected districts to evaluate and ascertain the extent of crop losses and if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereto; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for providing training and scientific knowledge to the farmers to minimize such crop losses due to heavy rains and floods in the country?

#### Construction of Roads in Bihar

†404. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads being constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Bihar especially in Rohtas and Aurangabad districts;

(b) the number of roads for which construction work is pending for years in the country including in Rohtas and Aurangabad districts of Bihar;

(c) the time by which the construction of the above roads is likely to be completed;

(d) the number of proposed roads to connect all villages of Rohtas and Aurangabad districts with the perennial roads; and

(e) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

#### Promotion of Early Maturing Crops

405. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

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 towards promoting the farming of early maturing crops and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps towards ensuring judicious use of scarce water resource by farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether water intensive crops like sugarcane and paddy are produced in the water-scarce regions of Marathwada and the Punjab-Haryana belt respectively, if so, whether the Government has taken any steps towards addressing this mismatch between the cropping pattern and the scarce water availability of such regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**

406. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the survey mandated under Section 17a of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016;

(b) the number of such students with disabilities identified by means of this survey;

(c) whether any report of such a survey has been released; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Targets Achieved under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana**

407. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the targets achieved under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme;

(b) whether the Government will be able to achieve monetary targets slated under the said scheme for the financial year 2019-20;

(c) whether there is a reason to believe that the Government will be underutilising the funds slated for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi for this financial year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase in Agricultural and Horticultural Cooperatives**

408. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of agricultural and horticultural cooperatives has increased in the country;

(b) the number of agricultural and horticultural cooperatives operating in the country, State-wise and year-wise during the past 5 years;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the number of cooperatives and empower them in the recent years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to increase international competitiveness of cooperatives and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Beneficiaries under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme**

409. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who have been benefited under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme;

(b) whether steps have been taken to address the grievances of farmers who are unable to avail the services of the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increasing Production of Rabi Crops**

410. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps to increase the production of Rabi crops across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to increase the production of pulses and oilseeds across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Law and Order Situation**

411. SHRI BHOLA SINGH: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether law and order situation in the country including in West Bengal and Karnataka is deteriorating;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of incidents of crime that came to light during the previous year and the current year along with the details of the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons, State-wise including West Bengal;

(c) whether the Government has sought any report from the State Government of West Bengal on the cases of brutal murders that took place recently in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government to improve the law and order situation in the country?

#### **Livestock Census-2019**

412. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: SHRI BHOLA SINGH: SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released the Livestock Census-2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the numbers of indigenous cattle continue to decline in spite of Government's efforts to promote conservation of desi breeds through the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), if so, the details thereof including the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether due to farmers preference shift to animals yielding more milk, the crossbred cattle population has jumped to 50.42 million in 2019 from 39.73 million in 2012 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the poultry population rose nearly 17 per cent to 851.81 million and the total birds in the backyard poultry jumped 46 per cent to 317.07 million in 2019 and if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Release of Funds for NDDP

†413. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA  
DEVI:  
SHRI PASHUPATI NATH  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated/released under pure milk production and National Dairy Development Programme by the Union Government during the last three years;

(b) whether the said amount has not been timely allocated for the last few years and is still pending;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin

414. SHRI BALLI DURGA  
PRASAD RAO:  
SHRI MAGUNTA  
SREENIVASULU  
REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR  
BELLANA:  
SHRI SRIDHAR  
KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to ensure that duplication of addresses do not take place under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries under this scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh as on date, district-wise; and

(d) the total amount utilized under the scheme during the last financial year, State-wise?

#### Remunerative Price

†415. SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI SHANTANU  
THAKUR:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that corn is not being exported despite its good production in Bihar and other States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the farmers are not getting remunerative price for their produce and if so, the details of the same;

(c) whether the Government is taking or proposes to take any concrete steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Common Service Centres

†416. SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL  
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up/provided the facility of Common Service Centres (CSCs) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of various services being provided by CSCs at the level of Gram Panchayats; and

(c) whether the Government has provided any amount for assisting the CSC operators and if so, the details thereof?

#### Free Coaching to SC and OBC Students

†417. SHRI SANGAM LAL  
GUPTA:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing free coaching facility to the students belonging to scheduled caste and OBC category;

(b) if so, the number of such coaching institutes operating across the country at present, State/UT-wise and course-wise;

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds to the States for implementation of the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Post Matric Scholarships for SC and OBC Students

418. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA  
BORLAKUNTA:  
SHRI PASUNOORI  
DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details of the post matric scholarships availed by the SC and OBC students;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, category and State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated/spent for these students; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to relax the existing rules to allow more students to avail scholarships in future?

#### Funds for Drought Affected Regions

419. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:  
SHRI UPENDRA SINGH  
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided Central funds to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh during the current year to tackle the severe drought conditions in its rural areas, particularly Lalitpur, Mahoba, Jhansi (Bundelkhand), Sonbhadra and Mirzapur; and

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

#### Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Means Scholarships

420. SHRI B.Y.  
RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students who received pre-matric, post-matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarships during the last three years, year and category wise;

(b) the total amount spent for giving scholarship to the students;

(c) whether the Government has revised the amount of scholarship given to each student; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

#### Borewell Incidents

421. SHRI S.  
JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
DR. VISHNU PRASAD  
M.K.:

Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of children falling down and getting trapped inside the abandoned borewells in the country during the last three years and the current year till 31st of October, State-wise;

(b) the details of the efforts made by the respective State Governments and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in rescuing those children with modern and latest technology;

(c) the reasons due to which the agencies failed to rescue a two year old child who fell down in a borewell in Tiruchi district of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether any guidelines/framework has been evolved at the higher level to meet such challenges in future and if so, the details thereof?

#### Additional Days of Employment under MGNREGS

422. SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:  
SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for providing 50 additional days of unskilled manual work in notified flood affected districts, over and above 100 mandays of work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal for the revision of labour budget under MGNREGS has been submitted by the State Government of Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any arrears of wages is pending to Kerala on MGNREGS Scheme and if so, the reasons for the delay in clearing the arrears considering the fact that workers engaged in the scheme are from the poorest segment of the society and the delay will adversely effect them?

#### Changes in PMFBY

423. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering some major changes to its flagship farm insurance scheme, the

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, including an entirely new model of agricultural insurance in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind this move along with the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the Union Government has sought the views of State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Governments in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is planning to create a 'risk pool' giving the Government a far greater control of key variables from fixing premiums to payouts and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to put penalties on insurance companies for delay in payment to farmers in case of damage to crops and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposed to set up an agency with the help of State Governments to take the work of pool and sort out all problems relating to insurance and if so, the details thereof?

#### Irrigation Schemes

†424. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
DR. BHARATIBEN  
DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for

providing improved system of irrigation for increasing agricultural productivity;

(b) the details of the amount of funds released for the said schemes during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to implement any special irrigation schemes for North Eastern States including Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken or likely to be taken by the Government to strengthen the irrigation system in Gujarat?

#### 2021 Census through Mobile App

425. SHRI DHANUSH M.  
KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI SANDHYA  
RAY:  
SHRI SELVAM G.  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct the 2021 Census through a mobile phone application, moving away from traditional pen and paper, to promote Digital India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning on making some changes in the different parameters to be used for gathering the Census 2021 for making the data more appropriate and relevant and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of funds to be allocated by the Government to carry out the nationwide exercise along with the number of languages in which it is likely to be done; and

(d) whether the App can only be used by the Government enumerators who will be employed in taking census of the population, if so the details thereof along with the time by which the 2021 Census will begin and be completed?

#### Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs

†426. SHRIMATI RATHVA  
GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI SHANTANU  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pre-Matric scholarship is being provided to Other Backward Classes at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the States where the said scheme is being implemented, State-wise;

(c) whether the benefit under the said scheme is also being provided to the students enrolled in private schools and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce any other scheme to improve education particularly for the said section; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Promotion of Organic Farming

427. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL  
GUPTA:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status, details and total area covered under organic farming in the country till 2019, State-wise;

(b) the steps that have been taken and the plans envisaged for encouraging organic farming in the country including in Kushinagar, UP;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked any budget for promoting organic farming, if so, the details thereof State-wise including Uttar Pradesh and its Kushinagar region;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to check the economic impact of organic farming in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has taken/ is planning to take measures to make this organic traditional agriculture affordable and remunerative and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether training workshops are being organised by the Government to promote the use of organic techniques in organic farming and the benefits thereof in the country, if so, the details thereof and the number of workshops organised across the country including Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year along with the full details of the number of farmers participated in the workshops; and

(g) whether the Government plans to promote polyhouse farming on a large scale and if so, the details thereof?

#### Status of Jan Aushadhi Kendras

†428. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRI A. RAJA:  
DR. BHARATIBEN  
DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:  
SHRI KOMATI REDDY  
VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Jan Aushadhi Kendras set up to provide medicines at affordable price in the country and the details of such centres including in rural backward areas, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for increasing the number of such kendras in all the States including in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Haryana, Gujarat and Assam including North Eastern States;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJAP) so far across the country, State/ UT-wise including Tamil Nadu along with the details of modifications in the scheme since its inception, if any;

(d) the details of the number of medicines being provided under these kendras;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the details of the impact of PMBJAP along with the target set and achieved and the response received under this Pariyojana across the country; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to include some more medicines under this pariyojana, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which these are likely to be included?

#### PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana

429. DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM  
PATIL:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL  
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR.S.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana, a pension scheme for small and marginal farmers who do not have sufficient

savings to provide them social security, if so, the details thereof along with the aims, salient features and objectives behind the move;

(b) the eligibility criteria fixed by the Government to avail pension under this Yojana and the States wherein this scheme is likely to be initiated;

(c) the targeted farmers who are likely to be benefited and the number of small and marginal farmers who have enrolled in this Yojana, State-wise including Gujarat;

(d) the ratio of contribution to be made by small and marginal farmers and the Union Government under this Yojana;

(e) whether the Government has made any provision to deposit minimum amount for farmers under this scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has identified Pension Fund Manager and also responsible for Pension pay out to farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(g) the details of the targets set by the Government thereunder;

(h) the details of the funds allocated/ released by the Government under the scheme, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(i) the various steps taken by the Government to create awareness about and for the successful implementation of this Yojana?

#### Setting up of FPIs

430. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:  
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:  
MS. LOCKET  
CHATTERJEE:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) functioning in the country, State-wise including Bankura of West Bengal, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and North Eastern Region;

(b) whether it is a fact that proposals from various States for setting up of FPIs are under consideration of the Union Government with a view to create jobs in these industries;

(c) if so, the details of these proposals, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of proposals approved by the Government during the last three years;

(e) whether the Government proposes to establish any new unit of food processing industry in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Delay in Release of NCRB Data

431. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS  
SURESH NARAYAN  
DHANORKAR:  
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in releasing the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) data - 'Crime In India-2017' which was actually supposed to be released in the year 2018.

(b) the faults and inconsistencies in each of the 13 parameters or crime heads issued by the Ministry which has caused delay in the publication of the report; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure speedy publication of the NCRB data?

#### Modernisation of State Police Force

432. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
DR. SUJAY  
RADHAKRISHNA  
VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Modernisation of State Police Force Scheme and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme includes special provisions for enhancing women's security and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of funds allocated under the scheme, State-wise and UT-wise; and

(d) the incentives provided to the State Governments to ensure a comprehensive implementation of the scheme across the country?

#### Unprecedented Flood

433. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM  
PATIL:  
DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR.S.:

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

(a) whether Indian rivers have crossed the highest flood level 25 times in August 2019 causing extreme floods in many States;

(b) if so, the details of the States which are most affected in the last two to three months along with the number of people killed/injured and property destroyed as a result of extreme floods and the quantum of compensation paid, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has deployed National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in flood affected States to rescue people;

(d) if so, the number of NDRF personnel deployed and the number of people rescued by them;

(e) whether availability of less NDRF force has affected rescue work; and

(f) if so, whether the Government proposes to enhance the strength of NDRF in view of huge work load?

**National Conference on Agriculture  
for Rabi Campaign, 2019**

434. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM  
PATIL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR.S.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government organized National Conferences of Agriculture for Rabi Campaign, 2019 with the officials of the State Governments/UT Administrations, research scientists and extension functionaries to formulate strategy for Rabi crops;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether there is high demand for fertilizers in our country, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to tackle crop failure at the crucial stage;

(d) the details of the area under cultivation of Rabi crops during the current season as compared to the last season, crop and State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the practice of unplanned growing of crops is still prevalent in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

**Export of Sugar**

435. DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR.S.:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM  
PATIL:

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 had decided to export the surplus sugar as a result of excess production of sugar *vis-a-vis* its consumption in the country during the current year, if so, the details in this regard along with the quantum of sugar decided to be exported;

(b) whether the Government has approved in providing a lump sum export subsidy to sugar mills for the sugar season 2019-20, if so, the details thereof along with the total estimated expenditure to be incurred for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government has made any arrangement to transfer the subsidy directly into farmer's account, if so, the time by which the amount will be transferred; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to boost sugar exports in the country?

**API from China**

436. MS. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is dependent on China for the supply of Active Pharmaceuticals Ingredients (API) for drug manufacturing;

(b) if so, the details of total percentage imported from China; and

(c) the contingency plan of the Government in case of sudden dipping in the supply of APIs along with the quality check currently in place for API imported into the country?

**Operation of NATGRID**

437. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
DR. (PROF.) KIRIT  
PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the progress of National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that NATGRID has not been made operational yet;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be made operational;

(d) the present status of NATGRID in terms of budgetary allocation and manpower deployment along with the details of Central Agencies which will have access to the data on NATGRID platform in the first phase;

(e) whether the NATGRID has finalized the process of getting the data of eight crore tax payers from the Income Tax Department and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the NATGRID, which is equipped with real-time data mechanism, comes under the purview of "intelligence and security organizations" and is thus, exempted from the Right to Information (RTI) Act and if so, the reasons therefor; and



(g) the time by which the required physical and digital infrastructure is expected to be ready?

#### Demolition of Ravidas Temple

438. DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:

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

(a) whether the demolition of centuries old Ravidas temple by the Government's authorities in Delhi has recently provoked massive public outburst and anger;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the Government's action thereon;

(c) whether the Government has investigated the role of Government officers in the above incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the Government's action thereon;

(e) whether the Government has agreed to allot the same piece of land for reconstruction of Ravidas Shrine;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other corrective steps being taken by the Government to protect the religious rights and sentiments of dalits?

#### Linking of Mandis with e-NAM

†439. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH  
SINGH:  
SHRIMATI ANNPURNA  
DEVI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal related to linking any mandi located in Jharkhand with the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) project of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of decision taken by the Government on the said proposal; and

(d) the extent of progress made on the basis of decision taken so far?

#### Procurement of Apples in Jammu and Kashmir

†440. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of apples procured by the Government after formulating the scheme of direct purchase of apples from apple growers through NAFED after scrapping of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir so far; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure remunerative price to the apple growers?

#### Implementation of Assam Accord

441. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formed any Committee to prepare modalities for implementation of Clause-6 of the Assam Accord of 1985;

(b) if so, whether the definition of the term "Assamese people", as used in the Assam Accord, has been agreed upon with unanimity; and

(c) if not, the steps being planned by the Government to arrive at a definition acceptable to all stakeholders?

#### Supply of Organic Produce

442. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C.  
UDASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether not all organic food in the market is 100 per cent organic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether groundwater pollution is one of the major causes of chemicals seeping into crops, raising a big question on how organic any food produced in India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of organic produce in the country are on the higher side in comparison to that of the non-organic produce and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government plans to support production and marketing of organic produce in the country to reduce their cost/price and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Promotion of Pearl Culture

†443. SHRI RAMESHBHAI  
LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the State Government of Gujarat to promote pearl culture at Porbandar as there is huge potential of pearl production at Porbandar and it can provide new opportunities of employment there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Firing by Border Guard Bangladesh

444. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the firing by the Border Guard Bangladesh which killed a Border Security Force security personnel recently was unprovoked and unwarranted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up this issue with the authorities of Border Guard Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### New Drugs in NLEM

445. DR. T. SUMATHY (a)  
THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has included cancer drugs as well as drugs for heart and lung ailment under the Drug Price Control Order as a part of the New List of Essential Medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that due to shortage of supply, life saving drugs are being sold at high prices in market by private pharma companies and by private hospitals;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure affordability and availability of drugs for cancer, lung and heart ailments in the country; and

(e) the total volume and value of the cancer drugs produced and supplied in the country during the last five years along with imported drugs and medicine from countries abroad?

**ICAR Project**

446. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) project will be implemented in 25 districts (one district from each State) through the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and each KVK will involve about 200 youths below the age of 35, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government had made B.Sc. Agriculture a

mandatory qualification to get licence for sale of agriculture inputs such as seeds, fertilizers and pesticides and this will create several thousand jobs for agriculture graduates, if so, the details and the present status thereof?

**BRGF in Madhya Pradesh and Jammu Kashmir**

†447. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Jammu Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh which have been included under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) by the Government;

(b) the details of funds released to the above mentioned State Governments under this fund during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make any amendments in the guidelines for including the backward areas especially in Jammu-Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**NFWF Housing Scheme**

448. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about suicides by farmers in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for these suicides and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to overcome these issues till date; and

(e) the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

**Spending on Agriculture**

451. SHRIMATI S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for under-spending by both the departments of the Ministry as against the budgeted allocation;

(b) the reasons for the reduction in the budgeted funds for Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana;

(c) the recommended agriculture budget allocation as a percentage of the GDP, under the Swaminathan Committee Report; and

(d) the status of implementation of the Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Committee Report which is crucial for reviving the agricultural sector and the number of recommendations that have been actually implemented by the Government?

(a) whether the Government has received any request from Government of Kerala for reimbursement of Central Share under NFWF Housing Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has reimbursed its 50 per cent Central share under NFWF Housing Scheme to Government of Kerala;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Open Defecation**

449. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of persons including children and people belonging to backward classes in particular beaten to death for open defecation during the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether such incidents have been increasing year by year across the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the number of persons arrested and sentenced to jail under this crime; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to curb such cases?

**Suicide by Farmers in Maharashtra**

†450. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:  
SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

**Ease of doing Agri Business**

452. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objective of developing an ease  
of doing agri-business index;

(b) the expected date of adoption of  
such an index;

(c) the parameters which would be  
included in the index while determining  
relative rank of States; and

(d) whether such an index has been  
ratified by all the States?

**Uranium Contamination in  
Irrigation Water**

453. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considers  
usage of uranium contaminated water for  
irrigation as harmful for agricultural  
productivity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware  
of the report regarding high level of uranium  
contamination in groundwater of India, if  
so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware  
of the negative impact of using uranium  
contaminated groundwater for irrigation on  
agricultural productivity and quality of the  
crop in terms of transmission of uranium  
from water to the crops;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government  
to check transmission of uranium from  
water to the crops?

**Schemes for Irrigation**

454. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes that are available to  
provide irrigation water to farmers in  
rainfed agricultural areas;

(b) the number of watershed projects  
that have been sanctioned and completed  
under Pradhan Mantri Krishi  
Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY- Watershed  
Component), State-wise, including  
Rajasthan;

(c) the amount of funds released for  
watershed projects under PMKSY, State-  
wise, including Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government intends  
to sanction new watershed projects under  
PMKSY for rainfed agricultural areas in  
Rajasthan; and

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

**Wages under MGNREGS**

455. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total expenditure  
incurred on wages under Mahatma Gandhi  
National Rural Employment Guarantee  
Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the  
last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has taken  
measures to tackle the deteriorating labour  
force under MGNREGS and if so, the  
details thereof;

(c) the number of corruption cases/  
complaints or irregularities received and  
disposed of during the last four years along  
with the steps taken by the Government  
to tackle corruption under MGNREGS;  
and

(d) whether the Government  
proposes to establish any monitoring  
mechanism for this purpose and if so, the  
details thereof?

**Certification of Seeds**

456. SHRI KANUMURU  
RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHANA RAJU:  
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is  
planning to make certification of seeds  
mandatory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultation has been  
held with the State Governments in this  
regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the suggestions made by the State  
Governments?

**Mega Food Parks**

†457. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
DR. RAM SHANKAR

KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD  
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Mega Food Parks  
which have been established by the  
Government since 2014;

(b) the details of the Mega Food  
Parks which have been established,  
State-wise;

(c) whether there is any plan to  
establish a new Mega Food Park in  
Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, if not, the  
reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any criteria have been set  
for establishment of Mega Food Parks and  
if so, the details thereof?

**Border Fencing**

458. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the length of border  
over which Border Fence has been erected  
along international border with Bangladesh  
in the States of Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya  
and Mizoram;

(b) whether the Government has  
the details of the length of border which  
has still remained unfenced in the said  
States;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reason as to why the fencing work could not be completed in these stretches;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any timeline within which the unfenced length of border would be fenced completely; and

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

**Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme**

459. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount of funds released for the scheme during the last five years and Andhra Pradesh's share out of the total funds during the said period, year-wise;

(c) whether the amount of pension has been increased after 2014;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Impact of Weak Monsoon on Agriculture**

460. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:  
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

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 assess the impact of weak monsoon/deficient rainfall in the country in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the impact of such situations on the farmers and production of various agricultural items in the country, State-wise;

(c) the steps being taken by preparing any contingency plan to tackle such situations; and

(d) the steps being taken to educate and train farmers to overcome such situations in future with modern techniques and the latest technology?

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