

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL 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 — 20**

#### **Doubling of Farmers' Income by 2022**

\*21. SHRI B.N. BACHE GOWDA:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the plight of farmers in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Government to enhance their income;

(b) whether the Government has set a target of doubling of farmers' income by the year 2022, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard along with the progress made so far in achieving the said target;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government would be giving Rs. 3,000/- each to all farm landholders under a contributory pension scheme, if so, whether the Government is aware that many of the farm landholders in the country are absentee farmers and are not entitled to this scheme;

(d) if so, the manner in which the Government would ensure that the income of actual farmers and not just that of absentee landholders is increased;

(e) whether the Government has details regarding the number of farmers who have been facilitated since the said scheme started and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) whether the growth in agriculture trails that of the economy and the share of agriculture in the national output has declined drastically over time from around 50 per cent in the early 1950s to 15.4 per cent in 2018-19 and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Onion Prices**

\*22. SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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 steep rise in prices of onion in the domestic market recently, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has analyzed the gap between the demand and supply of onion in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of onion bufferstock and the percentage of the bufferstock that has already been disbursed to various State Governments;

(d) whether the Government has asked the States to buy onions from the Union Government and if so, whether the Government has made arrangement to meet the requirement of States;

(e) whether the Government is also considering to impose stock limit on onion traders and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken against hoarding of onions; and

(f) whether the Government is considering import of onions to meet the local demand, if so, the details thereof and the other corrective steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices of onion in the country?

#### **Promotion of Bio-Fertilizers**

†\*23. SHRI DHARAMBIR  
SINGH:  
SHRIMATI SHARDABEN  
ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study has revealed that most of the serious ailments are occurring due to excessive use of chemical fertilizers and insecticides, if so, whether

the Government has formulated any concrete programme for conducting a study in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to promote the use of bio-fertilizers in view of the adverse effect of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on human health and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote production/research work on such bio-fertilizers so as to ensure that there is no shortage of bio-fertilizers and their production remains unaffected and cost effective and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study on the effect of bio-fertilizers on the agricultural output and if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the details of the schemes of the Government to promote organic/bio-fertilizers of better quality in place of chemical fertilizers so as to avoid adverse impact on agricultural production; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up outlets for organic/bio-fertilizers on the lines of outlets set up for chemical fertilizers and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Skill Development among Farmers**

†\*24. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

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 to promote skill development among farmers in agriculture and allied sectors;

(b) the amount of funds earmarked under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year along with the amount spent thereunder; and

(c) the details of the initiatives proposed to be taken to enhance capacity building of farmers?

**Pradhan Mantri  
Kisan Samman Nidhi**

†\*25. SHRI NAND KUMAR  
SINGH CHAUHAN:  
SHRI KANUMURU  
RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details including the benefits, norms and conditions of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi being implemented by the Government for providing financial assistance to farmers;

(b) the rate of interest at which loans to farmers are provided by the Government along with the terms, conditions and modalities for providing the loans;

(c) the details of the benefits through the National Food Security Mission; and

(d) the extent to which the farmers have benefited through modernisation of agriculture?

**Houses under PMAY-G**

\*26. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM  
S.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses proposed to be built and completed in the State of Tamil Nadu under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G);

(b) the total amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised, district-wise under PMAY-G for the State;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries, district-wise for Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the number of houses allocated and the number of beneficiaries for Tirunelveli?

**Left Wing Extremism**

\*27. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:  
SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN  
DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to counter Left Wing Extremism in the States affected by it, with special focus on Jharkhand; and

(b) the progress of such steps undertaken?

**Additional Funds for Reconstruction  
of Roads**

\*28. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received proposals from the Government of Kerala under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Phase III;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for additional funds for reconstruction of flood damaged rural roads and minor bridges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated, released, utilized and the physical progress against the targets during the last five years?

**Losses Due to Heavy Rains  
and Floods**

\*29. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many States in the country were affected by heavy rains and floods in the recent months and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed, injured and missing, the extent of loss of cattle and the details of damage to property including dams, bridges, roads, standing crops and high value horticulture crops reported, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received from the State Governments to compensate the said losses and the assistance sanctioned and released by the Union Government along with the criteria adopted for sanction of assistance, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has sent Central Teams to the affected States to evaluate and ascertain the extent of crop and other losses, if so, the details and the outcome of assessment by the Central Teams;

(e) the details of NDRF teams deployed in the affected States along with the number of persons rescued, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the measures taken to evolve a permanent mechanism to deal with such calamities along with 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?

**Upgradation and  
Modernization of Agriculture**

\*30. SHRI K.  
MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a pilot project/plan or scheme for the upgradation and modernization of agriculture, especially in the States where soil quality and water tables are deteriorating and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering the initiation of a strict plan to check the sale of adulterated and fake fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, etc. to prevent further damage to soil, water, environment and save farmers from financial loss and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Ministry to tackle straw burning issues and provide cheap equipment for the management of leftover straw?

**Law on Lynching**

\*31. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:  
SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had given any direction/observation on lynching/enactment of law on lynching in July this year;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of States have come forward to enact laws, making mob lynching a non-bailable offence and recommending life imprisonment for those involved in such violence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**

\*32. SHRI MAGUNTA  
SREENIVASULU  
REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR  
BELLANA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the average entry year in the share of workforce in the age group of 18-30 for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme began moving up after the financial year 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government recognizes this as a sign of rural distress and lack of job opportunities for the youth; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan to alleviate this lack of job opportunities for the youth in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana**

\*33. SHRI HEMANT  
TUKARAM GODSE:

SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and present status of the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana(MKSP) along with the quantum of funds allocated under the said scheme;

(b) the details of targets set and achieved so far under the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the programmes undertaken under the scheme to support women farmers; and

(d) the details of collaborations with external agencies for the scheme?

#### **National Institutes for Differently Abled Children**

†\*34. SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Institutes imparting special education to the visually impaired, hearing impaired, speech impaired and mentally challenged children in the country;

(b) the details of the facilities being provided by the said institutes along with the number of such children receiving education at present;

(c) the amount of funds provided to these institutes during each of the last three

years, institute-wise along with the total amount utilized;

(d) whether special education is being provided to all such children, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the plan/scheme for providing employment to all these children after imparting education to them?

#### **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014**

\*35. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI M.V.V.

SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken stock of the financial needs of Andhra Pradesh (AP) after its bifurcation in 2014 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds released for the construction of new capital city at Amaravati including High Court, Secretariat and funds released as resource gap, during the last five years to the State of Andhra Pradesh in view of the provisions in the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014;

(c) the details of the provisions/assurances fulfilled/completed by the Government so far including assurances for establishment of new Railway Zone at Visakhapatnam, funds released for setting up of various premier educational institutions like IIT, IIM, AIIMS, Girijana University, Tribal University and Central University;

(d) the reasons for non-fulfilment with regard to the construction of new Steel Plant at Kadapa, new port Trust at Duggirajapatnam and other identified places; and

(e) whether the Government has initiated any action for enhancing Assembly Seats in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana as stated in the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Welfare of Divyang Children**

†\*36. SHRIMATI RANJEETA  
KOLI:  
SHRI PASHUPATI NATH  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether welfare work of 'Divyang' children is being badly affected due to utilization of only 60 per cent of the funds allocated for the work related to empowerment of persons with disabilities;

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

(c) the details of the funds allocated/released/utilized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the details of the reform measures undertaken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Insurance Amount for Fishermen**

\*37. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI  
KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to increase the insurance amount in case of death or injury, under the centrally sponsored National Scheme of Welfare of

Fishermen, to fishermen licensed/identified or registered with the State/UT Governments; and

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

#### Use of Drones

†\*38. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:  
SHRI AJAY KUMAR  
MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame rules/laws regarding the usage of drones considering the recent cases of dropping of weapons *via* drones and drone-based terrorist attacks;

(b) if so, the extent to which the said activities are likely to get controlled; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Crime Against Women and Minor Girls

\*39. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:  
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH  
SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether crime against women and minor girls has increased in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the number of cases of rape/gang rape, acid attacks, murder, molestation

and eve-teasing reported in the country during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up One Stop Crisis Centres for assisting such victims in the country and if so, the details of the facilities being provided to such victims in the said centres;

(d) the number of such centres operational in the country along with the number of women victims provided assistance in such centres since inception of the centres, State/UT-wise; and

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

#### Fish Production

†\*40. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks second in fish production in the world and is taking several policy initiatives to achieve the first position;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government to achieve the said target;

(c) the total amount of funds allocated by the Government in the present budget to achieve the target of blue revolution;

(d) the details of the plan prepared in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the basic facilities being provided by the Government to encourage small and medium farmers for fish farming?

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