

# 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

\*141. SHRI KANUMURU  
RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHANA RAJU:  
SHRI ANNASAHEB  
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is examining various ways to double the farmers' income by 2022 and if so, whether the Government has set up a panel to evolve the ways and strategy to double the farmers' income by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Panel has submitted its Report to the Government, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) the details of the recommendations made by the Panel in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to implement the recommendations of the panel and if so, the details thereof?

### Production of Urea

\*142. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
DR. PRITAM  
GOPINATHRAO  
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the import burden of urea by the financial year 2021 and if so, the scheme chalked out by the Government to make India self-reliant in the production of urea;

(b) whether the Government had initiated a new investment policy in 2015 aimed at promoting the production of urea and if so, the investment made under this policy;

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(c) the extent to which the country has been made self-reliant since implementation of the new investment policy;

(d) whether the Government has budgeted around Rs. 70,079.85 crore for fertilizer subsidies for the financial year 2019; and

(e) if so, whether nearly half of the money was used to settle dues from the previous year and if so, the response of the Government thereto?

### Sale of Pesticides

\*143. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of sale of pesticides with banned chemicals and herbicide-tolerant cotton seeds have been reported from different parts of the country;

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

(c) the likely impact of such pesticides and seeds on crops and health of farmers; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government thereon and to check their sale in the country?

### Selling above MRP

†\*144. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:

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 fact that bottled water and packaged foods and drinks are being sold at higher prices than the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) thereof at public places like railway stations, airports, hotels and multiplexes in the country; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

### Rise in Cancer Cases

\*145. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:

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 has been an exponential rise in cancer cases in Punjab due to excessive fertilizer use leading to its patients travelling to Bikaner by an Indian Railways train which is commonly referred to as 'Cancer Train';

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

(c) whether the Union Government has held discussion with the State Government to tackle the issue and if so, the details of any policy intervention;

(d) whether the Government proposes to reduce the fertilizer subsidy or invest in research which could nurture safer alternatives; and

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

### Training to Fishermen

†\*146. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA  
GAVIT:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any training institute to provide training or make fishermen aware of the issues related to safety and maritime boundary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up such a training institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana

\*147. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) to facilitate transport facilities in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the number of States which have implemented AGEY as on date;

(b) whether the Union Government has taken steps to implement the schemes in all the States/UTs which will facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated/utilized since the inception of the Yojana and the main

rural transport vehicle that is being provided under the said Yojana;

(d) whether any special provision has been made for women under the said Yojana and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up and develop transport facilities in rural areas for betterment of rural people?

### Dues Owed to Sugarcane Farmers

\*148. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

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 dues owed to sugarcane farmers by sugarcane mills, State-wise;

(b) the measures taken and proposed to be taken to relieve sugarcane farmers of financial distress due to unpaid dues;

(c) the measures sought by the Ministry to hold accountable the defaulters of dues owed to sugarcane farmers; and

(d) the measures taken and planned to diversify sugarcane farming away from sugar production and into other sugar-based production?

### Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

\*149. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT  
PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the data of the claims paid under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to farmers during the current year and the previous year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there has been any delay in the payment of claims under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

### Infiltration of Illegal Immigrants

†\*150. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration of illegal immigrants including extremists from neighbouring countries is increasing in the country inspite of various measures taken by the Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any estimation of the exact number of such intruders;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said illegal immigrants are causing many social and economic problems in the country especially in West Bengal; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to deal with this situation?

### Training to Farmers

\*151. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided training to farmers for scientific methods of agriculture; and

(b) if so, whether farmers have been provided information in this regard, if so, the details of the districts in which the programme is being implemented, State-wise?

### Demand for Quality Seeds

\*152. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand for quality seeds has been increasing in the country and if so, the details of demand for quality seeds during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the manner in which the requirement of seeds during natural calamities like flood, drought, etc., is proposed to be met and the details of seeds reserved in the National Seed Reserve?

### Funds Utilization for District Plan

\*153. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Panchayats in the country have expressed their inability to utilize funds earmarked for them due to non-availability of district plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued any instructions to the Panchayats in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the mechanism developed within the Panchayati Raj Institutions to prepare district plans and to monitor the works executed by Gram Panchayats?

#### Rehabilitation of Fishermen

\*154. SHRI K.  
MURALEEDHARAN:  
DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for rehabilitation/assistance of fishermen communities affected by cyclones/sea erosion in various States;

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

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for release of funds from Union Government for rehabilitation of fishermen; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Union Government for construction of sea wall to protect fishermen from cyclones?

#### Assistance to Women Farmers

\*155. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started any schemes to provide facilities to the women farmers for the development of the agriculture sector in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of women farmers who have been trained in agriculture related fields under various Central schemes during the above period;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the share of women in the production of main crops in the country is 75 per cent;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in doubling the wages of the women working in the agriculture sector or providing assistance for doubling the income of the women working as self employed farmers; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to release more funds for development of women farmers so that they could meet their specific needs and achieve socio-economic and technical empowerment?

#### Reservation for Differently Abled Persons

\*156. SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Persons with Disabilities (PwD) (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the Government is mandated to reserve 3 per cent vacancies in public employment for people with disabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the State-wise distribution in this regard during the last four years; and

(c) the details, including the financial, timeline adopted, sharing of burden, land acquisition, among other things for the recently announced Olympic Stadium and Composite Regional Centre for People with Disabilities in Meghalaya?

#### Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations

\*157. SHRI HEMANT  
TUKARAM GODSE:

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 to attract young farmers including women towards the formation and promotion of the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to carry out agribusiness in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the monetary support provided to the States for the promotion of FPOs during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether any assistance/support has been provided to FPOs by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

through Krishi Vigyan Kendras in various districts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen agriculture-based livelihood through FPOs in the country?

#### Harassment of Women on Social Media

\*158. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of sexual harassment and blackmailing of women after befriending them on social media are increasing in the country;

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

(c) whether the police/authorities are not able to tackle such cases properly due to weak cyber laws in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring stringent cyber laws to tackle such problems effectively; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

#### Quota for Differently Abled Persons

\*159. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:  
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH  
SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Union and the State Governments to implement three per cent quota for persons with disabilities in all Government departments, PSUs and Government companies in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Union and the State Governments thereto;

(c) whether cases of violation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

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

**Fund Allocation to Gram Panchayats**

\*160. SHRI NAMA  
NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any criteria for allocation of funds to Gram Panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Telangana; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA  
Secretary General

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