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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; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment)

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

Rohingya Refugees/Migrants

†*181. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRI RAM SWAROOP
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rohingya and others from Myanmar living as refugees and illegal immigrants in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the Rohingyas have entered the country as refugees but are involved in illegal activities and also pose a threat to the security of the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against them and to ensure safety of Indian citizens;

(c) whether the Government has raised the said issue with the Government of Myanmar, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to deport foreign nationals

staying illegally in the country including illegal Rohingya immigrants?

Tenant Farmers

*182. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA RAO
(AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenant farmers in some States are hypothecating the harvest to pesticide dealers and private moneylenders to get pesticides and money ;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether tenant farmers have to continue farming as they do not have the knowledge/skill of any other work and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the farmers lease the land between Rs.1,000 and Rs.5,000 per acre; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to regulate lease price of farmland and provide bank loans to tenant farmers to contain suicides?

Plight of Farmers

†*183. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of farmers in Buldhana district in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra has given any representation/ letter seeking permission to commit suicide;

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

(c) the factors responsible for such a plight of the farmers;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to deal with those factors; and

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

Centres of Excellence

*184. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:
SHRI ABHISHEK
BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up "Centres of Excellence" for technological development in order to make the Indian Capital Goods Sector globally competitive;

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

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(c) the funds allocated and utilised by the Government for setting up of these centres, centre and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is planning to organise training programmes besides R&D to educate people with professional skill set; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Formula for MSP

*185. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI MAGANTTI
VENKATESWARA RAO
(BABU):

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the formula adopted for determining the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy announced by the Government recently;

(b) whether the latest MSP for paddy and other crops matches with the price formula of C2 plus 50 per cent as recommended by the Swaminathan Commission on Farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government over the last four years in ensuring MSP equal to C2 plus 50 per cent?

Cold Storages

†*186. SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages sanctioned by the Government so far for various States, State-wise including Bihar;

(b) whether the Government proposes to construct cold storages to reduce the storage cost of potato, onion and other vegetables of farmers, specially in view of the shortage of cold storages/godowns in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the locations of the proposed cold storages, district and State-wise, along with the details of the benefits likely to accrue to the farmers and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount of financial assistance granted by the Government for construction of cold storages along with the amount of assistance released for Bihar during the last three years; and

(e) whether there is also a provision for grant of concessions to the farmers for use of cold storages constructed with the assistance received from the Government, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the manner in which assistance is being provided to the farmers in this regard?

Production of Organic Food Items

†*187. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote/is promoting organic food items in view of the rising demand in global markets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of the existing demand, supply, consumption and production of organic food items in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of organic food items to meet their demand?

Shortage of Quality Seeds

†*188. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of good quality/genuine seeds for the farmers due to which good crop production is not taking place;

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

(c) whether the Government has a proposal to formulate a new seed policy to promote the production of good quality seeds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of subsidy provided by the Government to various States/Union Territories for production of seeds during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

†*189. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA: SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana along with the details of the States/Cities covered under the scheme so far, State/UT-wise including West Bengal, Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) the number of houses sanctioned, constructed and allotted under the said scheme, State/UT-wise along with the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to hike the carpet area of the flats, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which it is likely to be hiked;

(d) whether the Government has widened the beneficiary net by including two sub categories of MIG for interest subsidy based on annual income and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is facing any hurdles in the successful implementation of the scheme, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken thereon?

Vacancies in CAPF

*190. SHRI MOHD. SALIM: SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several vacancies in different wings of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF);

(b) if so, the number of vacancies in different wings of CAPF as on date, force-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill the vacancies?

Urban Local Bodies

*191. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any concrete steps to implement the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act for empowering Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that many ULBs/ Municipal Corporations have failed to implement key municipal reforms to ensure transparency and improve service delivery among residents and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a number of ULBs/ Municipal Corporations remain cash strapped and helpless to revamp the crumbling infrastructure of their ULBs/ Corporations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government plans to provide an ecosystem to help them raise funds through municipal bonds and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of ULBs, including Municipal Corporations in the country at present, State-wise?

Welfare Schemes for Senior Citizens

†*192. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY: SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens;

(b) the total funds released by the Government and the utilisation of such funds by the States during the last two years, scheme and State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from the States, particularly Jharkhand and Maharashtra for allocation of more funds under these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the number of old age homes functioning in the country, location and State/UT-wise?

Zero Budget Natural Farming

*193. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) is a method of farming where the cost of growing and harvesting plants is zero and farmers need not have to use fertilizers and pesticides in order to ensure the healthy growth of crops and only 10 per cent water is used for irrigation in comparison to that of traditional way of irrigation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of ZBNF practices in improving organic carbon and soil fertility and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether ZBNF is being practised in various States in the country, if so, the details thereof and the total area of land being cultivated under ZBNF;

(d) whether the farmers are skeptical of huge decline in yield, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether any training programme is being conducted to educate and create awareness among the farmers regarding ZBNF and Central grant is also being given to the States to promote this technique and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Drug Trafficking

†*194. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any joint efforts along with the neighbouring countries to stop drug trafficking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check drug trafficking in the border areas adjacent to Pakistan, Nepal and Tibet; and

(d) the action plan formulated by the Government to check rise in drug abuse among the youth?

Use of Chemical Fertilizers and Insecticides

†*195. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that chemical fertilizers and insecticides used for increasing agricultural productivity in the country are very hazardous and harmful and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to stop the use of such hazardous chemical fertilizers and insecticides;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to control the use of such hazardous chemical fertilizers and insecticides?

Warehouses and Storage Facilities for Crops

*196. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of warehouses registered under the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority along with their capacity at present;

(b) whether the steep increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for kharif crops may lead to a storage problem in some States and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to set up storage space in crop growing States, preferably near mandis and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the State Governments thereto;

(d) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation also empanels private players and signs MoUs in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated by the Union Government for creation of warehousing in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Infiltrators from Bangladesh

†*197. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of infiltrators from Bangladesh have intruded into the North-Eastern States of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these infiltrators have also managed to get illegal identity cards and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether demography of the region has changed due to these infiltrators;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the influx of these infiltrators and deport such infiltrators?

Youths Joining Militancy

*198. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

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

(a) whether the offensive launched by security forces in the current year against local militants has flipped their recruitment which has doubled;

(b) whether 69 local youths have joined militancy since January this year in South Kashmir comprising four districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that many youths have disappeared from Kashmir and joined terrorist organisations; and

(e) if so, the details of such incidents which came to the notice of the Government since the imposition of Governor's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir and the steps taken to check this trend?

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

*199. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and its affiliates have called for applications for various grants, incentives and other payments across the country since 2016;

(b) if so, the number of such applications received from Andhra Pradesh for grants and incentives for inter-caste marriages etc.;

(c) the number of applications examined and cleared and the action initiated in this regard;

(d) the steps proposed to address each and every application sent to the Foundation by Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the action taken by the Foundation to streamline its activities?

Land Parcels for Housing Projects

*200. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to free up huge land parcels belonging to sick and closing Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) for affordable housing schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified PSEs and places where these projects will come up and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proper revenue model, process, bidding criteria, etc. have been firmed up and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any corporation has been selected as transaction adviser and project manager and if so, the details thereof?

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