

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Tuesday, March 13, 2018/Phalgun 22, 1939 (Saka)

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

Soil Health Card

*241. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASARAO
(AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soil Health Card Scheme plays a vital role in enhancing agricultural production in a sustainable manner in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Soil Health Cards have been distributed to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana advocating the farmers to adopt soil test based fertilizers; and

(c) if so, the number of Soil Health Cards issued to the farmers of these States during the last four years?

Mob Lynching Incidents

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a series of mob lynching incidents of minorities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the victims of such incidents reported during each of the last three years and the current year, incident-wise;

(c) whether the criminals associated with the lynching have been identified and booked;

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

(e) the measures taken by the Government to curb such heinous crimes/incidents?

Development of Floriculture

†*243. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the scenario of climate change, floriculture is a potential sector which may help rejuvenate the rural economy in most of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has given logistic support to the farmers for development of floriculture to minimise the effects of climate change, use of green-house technology and practice of hi-tech horticulture to improve the rural economy of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Automotive Policy

*244. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of formulating the National Automotive Policy;

(b) if so, the details including the aims and objectives thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be finalised and brought into force;

(c) whether the investment and production capacities have increased in the automobile industry under the Automotive Mission Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the contribution of the automobile industry to the GDP of the country; and

(e) the number of persons provided jobs under the above Plan along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to create more jobs in the automobile industry?

Socio Economic and Caste Census

*245. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the data of Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC)-2011 has been provided by the Registrar General of India (RGI) to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said data has been made public;

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

(d) whether there has been a mistake in the data of caste census provided by RGI to the above Ministry and also it is not up to the mark, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken in this regard; and

(e) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed for conducting of Caste Census-2011 and the further amount likely to be spent on correction of the data?

Air Wing of ITBP

*246. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) will soon have an air wing primarily for reconnaissance so that transgressions by the Chinese army, troop build up and construction activities across the border can be spotted in time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ITBP has already commenced work on acquiring helicopters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unique Identity Numbers for Cows

*247. DR. HEENA

VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to assign Unique Identity (UID) numbers to four crore milk producing cows;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(c) whether the Government has acquired the unique identity technology for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the cost of each UID card along with the amount allocated for this purpose; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve milk production in the country?

Use of Chemical Fertilizers

†*248. DR. BANSHILAL

MAHATO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of chemical fertilizers used/being used across the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has carried out any research to ascertain the extent to which the excessive use of chemical fertilizers destroys soil fertility and causes various types of diseases and other problems;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the follow-up action taken by the Government on the findings of the said research;

(d) whether the Government has launched any programme/campaign to create awareness amongst the farmers regarding use of conventional and harmless fertilizers or the benefits of organic farming; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

e-NAM Scheme

*249. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA

RAJU:

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI

KHADSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced e-NAM scheme, through which

Facilities to Farmers in Border Areas

*251. SHRI GURJEET SINGH

AUJLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether measures have been taken or instructions issued to the Border Security Force (BSF) recently regarding easy, hassle free and secure access to the farmers of border areas to their farm lands beyond the barbed wire, especially to the farmers of Punjab frontiers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government/any of its Departments has received any information/complaints regarding damage to crops beyond the barbed wire by stray animals and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government/Department has issued any instructions to BSF/farmers for resolving this issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Jobs in Food Processing Sector

†*252. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of jobs created in the food processing sector during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set any targets to create jobs in the said sector by the year 2024; and

over 580 agriculture wholesale markets are connected across the country;

(b) if so, the details of e-NAM agri markets which are connected electronically, State-wise including Southern States;

(c) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the e-NAM platform with the objective of doubling farmers' income by providing competitive and remunerative prices to the farmers for their agricultural produce through online competitive bidding process;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) whether the farmers of all the States are utilising the platform and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Misuse of Force and Weapons by CAPF

*250. SHRI KODIKUNNIL

SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints/reports regarding misuse of force and weapons by the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) in different parts of the country, thereby creating a severe law and order situation;

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

(c) whether the Government is aware of reports indicating that a Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) commander was forcibly freed from police custody from the Diamond Harbour police station in Kolkata and if so, the details thereof?

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the said targets?

Installation of CCTV Cameras

*253. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to install CCTV cameras in the police stations in Delhi and other sensitive areas of police-civilian interactions so as to curb the corrupt practices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of funds allocated and utilised by the Government for installing CCTV cameras around the public places during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) whether the Government is extending support to the States for installation of CCTV cameras in public places and if so, the details thereof?

Trained Teachers for Differently Abled Children

†*254. SHRI MANOHAR
UTAWAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment/evaluation regarding the requirement of trained teachers to teach

differently abled children as per the guidelines of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one trained teacher is required for every one thousand differently abled children/children with special needs;

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

(e) whether the trained teachers for differently abled are at par with other teachers and if so, the details thereof?

Smart City Mission

*255. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Smart City Mission along with its present status;

(b) the details of the progress made/works undertaken under this Mission so far across the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated/released and utilised under the Mission along with the percentage share of Centre and State, State-wise;

(d) whether some States are facing problem in arranging the funds for the Mission in their States, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) whether the NCR Planning Board is also planning for funding of this project and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Alleged Sexual Harassment of Women Police Personnel

*256. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of women personnel in Delhi Police had submitted a complaint against one of their superior officers, alleging sexual harassment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any legal action has been taken so far;

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

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the women police personnel in Delhi Police from such harassment?

Production Subsidy to Farmers

†*257. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee headed by the Chief Economic Advisor has given suggestions to provide production subsidy to the farmers and additional allocation to procuring agencies of the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to implement the recommendations of the committee, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to impose restrictions on export of pulses and enhance their stocks and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the yield of pulses and curb their prices?

Instrumentation Ltd. Palakkad

*258. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether both the Union Government and the State Government of Kerala have completed the formalities for the takeover of profit making unit of Instrumentation Ltd. (IL), Palakkad;

(b) if so, the details including the terms and conditions and timeline of the takeover;

(c) whether the closure of Kota unit of IL has been completed; and

(d) if so, the amount spent on settlement of the dues of the employees of IL, Kota unit?

Export of Sugar

†*259. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:
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) the total existing quantum of sugar stocks available presently in the country;

(b) whether sugar is being exported from the country and if so, the names of countries to which sugar has been exported during the last three years along with the quantum of sugar imported by these countries from India; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to export sugar to these countries in case of more production of sugar in the country and the assistance given to the sugar exporters by the Government in this regard along with the outcome thereof?

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Model Police Act

†*260. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has circulated the Model Police Act prepared by an expert committee, for consideration of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said Act;

(c) the dates on which the said Act has been circulated to the States; and

(d) the names of the States which have submitted their views thereon along with the names of those States which have failed to do so?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 230

Deaths of Homeless People

2761. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of
homeless people in different parts of the
country had died due to extreme cold/hot
conditions;

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

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

Medical Tourism

†2762. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is
contemplating to further liberalise the visa
policy for SAARC and African countries
in order to boost medical tourism in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of visas granted to
citizens of foreign countries including
Pakistan for treatment in India on
humanitarian grounds during the last three
years?

Contaminated of Bottled Drinking Water

2763. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL

NATHAN:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR

DIWAKER:

SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

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
that lots of shopkeepers are selling
contaminated drinking water bottles
without BIS mark illegally and if so, the
details thereof and the action taken by the
Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government
proposes to make any strict law to tackle
these types of vendors in future and if so,
the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any
plan to ban the selling of Drinking water in
plastic pouches which is dangerous and if
so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken
any steps to curb the menace of
contaminated bottled water and if so, the
details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has
appointed any regulator for quality control
of bottled drinking water and if so, the
details of the complaints received and action
taken against the manufacturers/vendors of
contaminated bottled drinking water ?

Compost from Organic Materials

†2764. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge
quantum of organic material is produced as
outcome of agricultural activities, dairy
farms and cattlesheds, agriculture based
industries and construction work and if so,
the details thereof;

(b) whether compost fertilizer can be
produced from this resource and if so, the
details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes
to set up plants for producing compost at
the individual and panchayat levels in the
country including Maharashtra and if so,
the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the total budget
allocated by the Government to various
States of the country during the last three
years for preparing compost in the
respective fields farmers at panchayat and
of individual level including Maharashtra?

Smuggling of Drugs through Airports

2765. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of smuggling
and illegal transportation of drugs reported
from various airports in the country
including Kochi's, airport-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken
any exclusive measures to check the
smuggling of various kinds of drugs through
airports in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Physically Challenged

†2766. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various State of the art assistance/devices/appliances notified for the visually impaired, persons affected with leprosy, the deaf and dumb, mentally retarded persons and persons affected by bone diseases;

(b) the details of the funds earmarked for Uttar Pradesh so far for providing such assistance; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries in this regard during the last three years in the State?

Misuse of Antibiotics in Poultry Farms

2767. SHRI G. HARI:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that rampant misuse of antibiotics in poultry farms is leading to large scale antibiotic resistance because of unsafe disposal of poultry litter and waste in agricultural land, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that a study has found that misuse of antibiotics in animals and birds is leading to proliferation of multi drug resistant bacteria which has a potential to infect human beings;

(c) if so, whether it is also true that anti microbial resistance threatens effective

prevention and treatment of an ever increasing range of infectious diseases like tuberculosis, malaria, urinary tract infection and HIV, etc.;

(d) whether it is also true that in the country an additional two million lives can be lost by 2050 due to drug resistance, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to fix some strict norms in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Price Controlled Drugs

2768. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of drugs placed under price control by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) as on date;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any objection from the multinational pharma companies as well as Indian pharma giants in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NPPA order will cover the medicines under the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) and non-essential drugs also; and

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

Cultivation of Non-Approved Bt Cotton

2769. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-approved 3rd kind Bt cotton is being cultivated in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to conduct an in-depth investigation on the availability of such non-permitted Bt cotton seeds in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Pulses

2770. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of pulses has increased exorbitantly in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of pulses imported during each of the last five years including the Financial year 2017-18, country-wise; and

(c) the percentage share imported by MNCs, corporate entities and domestic processors, respectively out of the total imports during the above period?

Begging Children

2771. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan/scheme to start educational programmes for the street begging children in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Drug Addicts

2772. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases of drug addicted youths have been reported in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to launch anti-drug awareness campaign among the young people and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to make a special provision for setting up of Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts and if so, the details thereof?

National Urban Housing Fund

2773. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently established National Urban Housing Fund (NUHF) to finance affordable houses in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of houses proposed to be constructed under NUHF along with the budgetary allocation thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the fund will be raised from non-budgetary sources and will tap into existing Government entities such as Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO);

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has any plan to plug any budgetary shortfalls and if so, the details thereof?

Consumption of Rice and Pulses

2774. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the steps taken by the Government to encourage production of cereals and the details of the results achieved in this regard?

Occupancy Rate in Jails

2775. SHRI A. ANWHAR
RAAJHAA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any criteria/guidelines for minimum accommodation space per prisoner in jails and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the occupancy rate in jails in the country is more than the prescribed limit, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the huge number of undertrial prisoners lodged for a long time in different jails thereby leading to overcrowding;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce overcrowding in jails?

Supply of Water

2776. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for

adequate supply of water to the residents of DDA Flats in Sector-28, Rohini, Delhi; and

(b) the details of initiative taken by DDA to start supplying water through pipelines instead of water tankers?

Coastal Police Stations

2777. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coastal Police Stations presently operational in the country, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken by the Government for strengthening coastal police stations and the amount extended to the coastal police stations during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up more coastal police stations or has received any representation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and status thereof, location-wise?

Modernization of Dairy Cooperatives

2778. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

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 dairy processing infrastructure of cooperatives

needs modernization and capacity enhancement and with most cooperatives sharing their profits with milk producers, there is a need to provide support and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government had approved a plan in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has prepared/approved the operational guidelines to disburse the funds and if so, the details thereof?

Administrative Control of Rubber Board

2779. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to transfer the Administrative Control of Rubber Board to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare;

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

(c) whether any request has been received by the Government in this regard; and

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

Aids and Assistive Devices to Divyangjans and Senior Citizens

2780. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Aids and Assistive Devices distributed to the Divyangjans and senior citizens in the country; and

(b) the number of people benefited under the scheme since its inception, State/ UT-wise?

Guidelines by NPPA

2781. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether patients are charged inordinately high amount for the stent device and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has made it mandatory for hospitals to disclose the cost of the stent separately while billing a patient and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NPPA has marginally increased the cost of basic cardiac stents while reducing the prices of expensive stents and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has consulted all the stakeholders before arriving at the price and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the NPPA has also made it mandatory for the hospitals to provide a clear breakup of the prices levied for other

items used in medical procedures and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps the Government has taken to regulate and control the price of stent and make it accessible to the needy and poor patients?

Change in DPCO

2782. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH
REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is contemplating on bringing considerable changes in the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the changes likely to be incorporated in the fresh DPCO?

List of Infiltrated Militants

2783. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has requested the Government of Pakistan to furnish a comprehensive list of militant groups who infiltrated into Jammu and Kashmir recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Pakistan thereto?

Facilities for Jail Inmates

2784. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of jails including central jails in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any central jail/ jail exclusively for women in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some central jails/jails lack basic facilities for the inmates and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the infrastructure and other facilities for inmates of these jails periodically;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time when such review was conducted; and

(f) whether the Government has any proposal to review the conditions of all central jails and to provide minimum basic facilities to inmates of those jails which lack basic infrastructure facilities and if so the details thereof?

AMRUT Scheme

†2785. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI BAHADUR SINGH
KOLI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted/released and utilized under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme during the last three

years, State-wise including Gujarat and Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the works carried out under the scheme, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the sectors for which the said amount has been released and utilized in Gujarat and Rajasthan, sector and city-wise?

Pharma Industry

†2786. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a considerable growth/development of pharmaceutical industry during the last few years;

(b) if so, the growth rate of the said industry during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the growth rate in the production of medicines and the prices thereof during the said period;

(d) whether any difference has been noticed in the growth rate of medicine production under scheduled and non-scheduled categories; and

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

Promotion of Organic Fertilizers

2787. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of chemical fertilizers has shown a downward trend during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to boost organic agriculture in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount allocated for this purpose;

(e) whether the agriculture universities are playing an important role in promoting the use of organic fertilizers in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Soil and Water Resources for Agriculture

2788. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
DR. NARAMALLI SIVA
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a comprehensive assessment of the state of natural resources that are necessary for agriculture and farm livelihoods; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the soil and water resources related to agriculture and the programmes to promote soil restoration and water conservation?

Direct Recruitment of Technical Officers in ICAR

2789. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the ICAR Governing Body had taken a decision to implement the Aligusudaram Committee recommendations with regard to removal of anomalies of 5th CPC recommendations pertaining to the direct recruited Technical Officers in Group 'A' (category-II) service in ICAR and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that consequent upon the ICAR Governing Body's decision on the above subject, it had recommended the case to the Government for according necessary approval;

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

(d) the details of the reasons for the delay in implementing the decision, so far?

Internal Security

†2790. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute any Committee for improving the police force of the States and other police organisations in order to deal with terrorism and strengthen the internal security;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Committee has been constituted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Livestock Insurance Scheme

†2791. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for livestock insurance to protect the cattle rearers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to implement any such scheme; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented by the Government?

National Fishermen Welfare Fund

2792. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government's liability towards National Fishermen Welfare Fund (NFWF) housing scheme for various States including Kerala, year-wise;

(b) whether any proposal has been received by the Government from the State Government of Kerala for release of the balance share under the above scheme; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal thereof?

Beneficiaries under DDRS

†2793. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new scheme for the differently abled; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Food Processing Project in Gujarat

2794. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is committed to promote and develop Food Processing Sector in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up any project in various parts of Gujarat including Junagadh district, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Acid Attacks

†2795. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of throwing acids on women have been constantly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases related to throwing of acids on women reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether laxity has been observed in the present system to check such incidents due to which targeted success has not been achieved in checking the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to stop such cases in future?

Betel Cultivation

2796. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the betel farmers are not getting the benefit of the crop insurance scheme as the cultivation of betel has not been accorded the status of agriculture and if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from various stakeholders regarding the award of agriculture status to betel cultivation and if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether lakhs of people of the betel growers community are leading pitiable life as a result thereof, if so, the details and the Government's reaction thereto with special reference to Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka;

(d) whether betel cultivation has also not been included in the activities of agriculture science centres situated in those States where betel cultivation is undertaken on a large scale; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Cultivation of Nutritious Crops

†2797. 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 proposes to launch any scheme to encourage farmers to cultivate crops which are effective in eliminating malnutrition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether agricultural scientists of ICAR have developed any new variety of nutritious foodgrain crops, fruits and vegetables and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether commercial farming of the said crops is not being undertaken due to lack of incentives and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take measures to promote cultivation of such crops and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of GST on Marketing of Agricultural Produce

2798. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

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 farmers are facing problems regarding marketing of their produce due to GST as traders have refused to purchase local agriculture produce;

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

(c) whether the benefits of GST have gone directly to the manufacturers and dealers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of GST accrue to the farmers?

Sensitisation on Disability

2799. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/local urban bodies have any mechanism to sensitize public officials on issues affecting people with disabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Delhi High Court had issued directions to make the entrances of public parks and public buildings disabled friendly; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Criminal Cases

2800. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various criminal cases are on the rise in the country including Maharashtra as per the recent report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB); and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the effective measures taken by the Government to stop such cases in future particularly in Maharashtra?

Trafficking of Bangladeshi Girls

2801. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 50 thousand Bangladeshi girls below 30 years are trafficked into the country every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether miles and miles of unfenced Line of Control (LoC) border is the transit point for the said trafficking; and

(d) if so, the details of timebound action plan of the Government and to depute more BSF teams to stop trafficking therein?

National Action Plan for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

2802. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

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 Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DAHDF) is working on a National Action Plan Vision 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DAHDF is considering to enhance the outreach of dairy cooperatives of additional villages and milk producers and suitable provisions are being made to build additional milk processing infrastructure for processing additional volume of milk expected on account of higher milk production and to meet the increasing demand for value added products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Cities

†2803. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals for the development of cities forwarded by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Government during the last three years;

(b) the names of the cities and the nature of work to which the said schemes are related to; and

(c) the action taken so far by the Union Government on the said proposals along with the final outcome thereof?

Extending of subsidy to Tamil Nadu

2804. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is in receipt of any request from the State Government of Tamil Nadu to extend the coverage of subsidized wheat, edible oil, kerosene, rice and pulses to all priority households and to enhance the subsidy given to these essential food items;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of supply provided monthly and subsidy provided per kgs/unit of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that the subsidy rates were fixed long back and was not increased for a long time till date;

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

(e) the measures taken by the Government to increase the supply of these essential food items and kerosene to Tamil Nadu and also enhance the subsidy given on them?

Productivity of Crops

2805. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are poor due to low productivity (yield per hectare) of all major crops in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the factors responsible for low productivity of agriculture in the country;

(c) whether the increase in agricultural productivity requires greater investment in farm inputs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase investment, both public and private in agriculture in the country?

Price Rise of Medicines

†2806. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase registered in the price of medicines during the last five years;

(b) whether permission has been sought from the Government to increase the price of medicines;

(c) if so, the details of permission granted for increase in the prices along with the names of such medicines; and

(d) the details of the medicines for which the prices have reduced/have been reduced during the said period?

Nutrient Based Subsidy

2807. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide nutrient based subsidy on fertilizers across the country to ensure its quality and availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the plan outlay in this regard, if any?

Procurement of Wheat and Rice

2808. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations for Food Corporation of India (FCI) to handover all procurement operations of wheat, paddy and rice to the States that have gained sufficient experience in this regard have been implemented; and

(b) the steps being taken by FCI to help farmers with small land holdings?

Slum Towns

2809. SHRI Y.V. SUBBAREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of towns reporting the presence of slums in undivided Andhra Pradesh have gone up from 118 in 2001 to 125 in 2011;

(b) the details of the status of the between 2011 and 2017, State-wise along with the reasons for increase of slums;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce slum towns and population in slums of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and the facilities that is provided in such towns; and

(d) the additional facilities likely to be provided to make them slum-free?

Reduction in Agriculture Cost

2810. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government to reduce the agriculture cost;

(b) the amount of budget allocated for the said schemes and the amount spent thereon during the last three years;

(c) the number of farmers benefited from the said schemes, Scheme-wise; and

(d) the details of the reduction in cost of agriculture per hectare through implementation of the schemes and the amount of increase in the income of farmers during the last three years?

Village Grain Banks

†2811. SHRI BAHADUR SINGH KOLI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Village Grain Banks have been established in the country including Rajasthan during each of the last three years;

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

(c) if not, whether the Government is considering to establish village Grain Banks; and

(d) the details of funds sanctioned and released for establishing such Grain Banks in the country including Rajasthan during the said period?

Increasing Prices of Pulses

2812. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:
DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production and availability of pulses is expected to fall and there is a gap between demand and supply of pulses in the country during the last year and the current year, if so, the details thereof along with the impact of such a gap on the prices of pulses;

(b) whether black-marketing/hoarding played a vital role in rising prices of pulses in the country, if so, the number of such cases reported across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise along with the action taken thereon;

(c) the details of the production, demand, supply and import of major pulses in the country during the said period, State/Country-wise;

(d) whether the Government has increased the limit of the buffer stock of pulses and requested the States to sell the pulses from the buffer stock at subsidized prices and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has formulated/is formulating any long term strategy to contain rising prices of pulses or plans to import pulses, if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of pulses, curb black-marketing/hoarding of pulses and to ensure remunerative prices of pulses to the of farmers;

(f) whether the efforts being made by the Government towards increasing the production of pulses are not yielding expected success/results and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to procure pulses from Punjab?

Storm Water Drainage System

2813. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering a separate scheme for preparation of Master Plan on storm Water Drainage Systems in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and its implementation to check urban flooding as the sector requires huge investment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Funds for Drip Irrigation

†2814. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to the States under the drip irrigation scheme during the last two years and as on date, State-wise;

(b) the names of the State Governments which have provided information to the Union Government about their districts continuously affected by drought during the abovementioned period along with the names of such districts, State-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated by the Government for drought affected States during the last two years, State-wise?

Promotion of Heavy Industries

2815. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives to heavy industries to promote investment and production and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Rajkot in Gujarat has emerged as a hub of heavy industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the value of industrial production in Saurashtra and Rajkot during the last three years; and

(d) whether the Government's achievement in improving the ease of doing business had a positive impact on the industry in the region and if so, the details thereof?

Service Recipients as Consumers

2816. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

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 included service recipients as consumers;

(b) whether there are any regulations to regulate hefty fees and service charges for legal and medical services, if not, whether the Government has contemplated on formulating such regulations in the interest of natural justice to the needy; and

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism for punitive measures against producers, sellers and dealers of injurious consumable products, if so, the outcome of such measures during 2014 to 2016?

Implementation of BJRCY

2817. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding implementation of Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) in the country, State/UT-wise and particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of funds released under BJRCY during the last five years, State/ Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the reasons for poor implementation of the Scheme in many States and the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the pace of implementation of the scheme by the States?

Setting up of New Plants by BHEL

†2818. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

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 plants of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of BHEL's plants functioning in the country at present along with the details of production of each plant, State-wise?

Unified Package Insurance Schemes

2819. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the aims and objectives of Unified Package Insurance Scheme (UPIS);

(b) whether it is true that this scheme is approved by the Government to be implemented in Bhongir district of Telangana on pilot basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the schemes are likely to be beneficial for farmers?

Caste based Census

2820. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the benefits of several Government welfare schemes and policies are not reaching the needy people, particularly the OBCs due to non availability of proper census data;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to conduct caste based census in future; and

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

Construction Work along Indo-Nepal Border

†2821. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of Indo-Nepal Road passing through Ghodasahan-Kuchpar-Chainpur-Phoolvariya-Vairganiya-Masaha Alam-Vanshi Chacha Dhang Pool-Maniyari of Sheohar District of Bihar is still pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government for the construction of the said road and the outcome thereof?

Overcharging of Medicines by Hospitals

2822. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some unscrupulous hospitals have resorted to overcharging the medicines supplied by them to patients to maximise their profits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken the incident as precedent and initiate control over the medicine supply business of the private hospitals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures being taken by the Government to protect the poor patients from such unscrupulous hospital managements?

Excessive use of Pesticides

2823. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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 problems associated with the unscientific and excessive use of pesticides have not been addressed properly by the Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the system for registration of pesticides does not address the systemic deficiency; and

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to review the Insecticides Act, 1968 as the pesticide sector needs better regulation to safeguard the environment and public health, if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Crime Reporting Portal2824. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

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

(a) whether the Government has decided to establish Cyber Crime Reporting Portal and Cyber Crime Laboratory to report cyber crimes against women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline, if any, fixed by the Government;

(c) whether Artificial Intelligence, Block Chain Technology, Cloud Computing, 3D Printing, Robotics and Internet are posing new security challenges before the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which Cyber Crime Reporting Portal and Cyber Crime Laboratory will help to stop the same?

Growth Rate of Livestock†2825. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate in livestock sector was fixed at 6% to 8% during the Eleventh Five Year Plan but this target could not be achieved and this growth rate has been less than 4.8%;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to achieve the fixed targets of previous plan period during the 12th Five Year Plan period;

(c) the total amount of funds allocated and utilized during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plan periods, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the reasons for not achieving the fixed targets of previous plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Wastage of Vegetables2826. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of onions, tomatoes and potatoes

go to waste every year for want of sufficient storage capacity due to which farmers don't get even the production cost, while at the same time prices of these vegetables become uncontrolled due to difficulty in supply, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes to introduce a new National Cold Storage Policy for solving these problems;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

National Livestock Mission

†2827. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Livestock Mission (NLM) is being launched by the Government for Risk Management and Insurance in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of cattle and other items covered under the scheme, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) the details of the amount allocated and spent under the scheme during the last three years; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited under the scheme State-wise?

Self-Sufficiency in Fertilizer Sector

2828. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to make the country self-sufficient in fertilizers in the next 3-4 years and to stop fertilizer imports ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to revive five fertilizer plants ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard along with the financial allocation for this purpose?

Market Assurance Scheme

2829. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch 'Market Assurance Scheme' with a corpus fund of Rs. 500 crore under which States will procure crops if prices fall below the minimum support price (MSP) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the objectives thereof ;

(c) whether a concept paper in this regard has been finalised by the Government in consultation with the States and UTs, if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether losses if any incurred in procuring crops by the States will be compensated by the government up to a maximum value of 30 Per cent of the MSP; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to bring in greater competition in agricultural markets where lack of

competition, cartelization and opaque price discovery are the root causes of price distortions?

Housing for Poor

†2830. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the housing needs of the poor in the urban areas of the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide housing loan to the poor at subsidised rate through banks and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of houses constructed/ under construction under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana during the last three years, location and State-wise?

Demographic Status of Scheduled Castes

2831. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the demographic status of Scheduled Castes as per the latest Census, State and percentage-wise;

(b) the percentage of budget allocation for the SCs as compared to the demographic percentage, State-wise;

(c) the findings of evaluation study entitled Evaluation of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) conducted by the erstwhile Planning Commission; and

(d) the number of SCs under the category of BPL/Antyodaya along with the percentage thereof and their average daily earnings?

Construction of Houses under PMAY

2832. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses constructed in Rajasthan under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since its inception till date, area-wise;

(b) the details of targets set under this scheme for the year 2016-17; and

(c) whether the set target has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor?

Productive and Non-Productive Cows and Bullocks

2833. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 99.19 per cent of cows and 99 per cent of bullocks in the country are productive;

(b) if so, the average value of production from them and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the agency which has collected the data and the time when it was done; and

(d) the basis of categorisation of productive and non-productive cows and bullocks?

Purview of NFSA

2834. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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 almost all the States including the State of Tamil Nadu have been covered under the purview of National Food Security Act (NFSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has asked the Union Government for any relaxation in provision of foodgrains under NFSA; and

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

Price of Life Saving Drugs

†2835. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of certain drugs/ life saving drugs have increased and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to review the price regulating mechanism for drugs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen research and development to minimise the manufacturing costs of drugs?

Inclusion of Cities under Smart Cities Mission

2836. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has included 30 more cities under the Smart Cities Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of fund allocated for the development of the newly added 30 smart cities in the upcoming fiscal;

(c) the time by which the 30 new cities are likely to be developed as smart cities; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated and released to Tamil Nadu under AMRUT and Smart Cities Mission along with the utilisation thereof for various projects, city-wise?

Agencies for Affordable Housing

†2837. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN: DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the agencies given the responsibility to provide affordable houses in cities by the Government, State-wise;

(b) the number of houses constructed by these agencies *vis-a-vis* target fixed during the last three years along with the target for the next two years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the various facilities provided in such affordable homes;

(d) whether these agencies have succeeded in providing affordable houses in cities and villages;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) whether the Government has fixed any corpus fund for construction of affordable houses and if not, the details thereof?

Disabilities Act

2838. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Disabilities Act has been implemented in the country;

(b) whether some students suffering from thalassemia are still unable to receive their disability certificates;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stipulated deadline by which the said students would be able to receive their certificates and apply to institutions under the disability quota?

Awareness about Scheme

2839. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

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 any medium of publicity to create awareness about various schemes and programmes being implemented by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon during the last three years;

(c) whether such schemes and programmes could also be publicized by Non-Governmental Organizations through public awareness campaigns; and

(d) if so, the details and the modalities thereof along with the campaigns undertaken by such Non-Governmental Organisations, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Jharkhand?

Recovery of Dues of CISF

2840. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various privately-owned airports in the country owed huge amount of money to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for deployment of its forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, airport/year-wise;

(c) whether CISF has taken any steps for the early recovery of its dues from the airport operators;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Floor Space Index Norms

2841. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked urban local bodies of the seven major cities to submit a report urgently on their existing floor space index norms and usage and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the only way to decongest urban sprawls is by letting buildings go higher and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to allow changes in the floor space index norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Gujarat Forensic Science University

2842. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Forensic Science University (GFSU) intends to establish new institutes for specialized education in the field of Cyber Security, Homeland Security, Wildlife Forensic, Fraud Detection, Nano Technology, Drug Regulations etc. and a vision document/roadmap for the next five years has been prepared for establishment of in-campus institutes, regional centres and establishments of international standards at an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to release the financial assistance in this regard?

Setting up of ITS

†2843. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme relating to setting up of an Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) in Thane district of Maharashtra is pending with the Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Setting up New NIPER

2844. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of setting up National Institute of Pharmaceuticals Education and Research (NIPER) in every State of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said Institute is likely to be set up in all the States;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the States where there is no such centre; and

(d) if so, the details and status thereof?

Implementation of Smart Cities Mission

2845. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of Smart Cities Mission (SCM) in the country;

(b) the details and number of cities identified under the SCM, State-wise;

(c) the total land earmarked for the development of smart cities along with the amount spent till date and the progress made in this regard;

(d) whether it is true that the Government has made agreement with foreign countries to seek financial assistance for implementation of the Smart Cities Mission programme;

(e) if so, whether any foreign countries has come forward to invest in the Smart Cities Mission; and

(f) if so, the funds received from foreign countries for the development of smart cities in the country?

Migration to Urban Areas

2846. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale migration to urban areas from rural areas is the main reason for urban unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the development of economic opportunities in urban areas is not at par with the extent of migration; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to create employment opportunities and to improve the capacity of urban areas through rapid development of urban manpower?

Utilisation of Funds for Differentlyabled

†2847. SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and utilised for empowerment of persons with disabilities under various schemes/programmes during the 12th Five Year Plan, year and scheme-wise;

(b) whether a large amount of the said allocation has remained unutilised during the said plan period; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Terrorist Activities

2848. ADV. SHARADKUMAR

MARUTI BANSODE:

SHRI MD.

BADARUDDOZA

KHAN:

SHRI RAYAPATI

SAMBASIVA RAO:

SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

SHRI BADRUDDIN

AJMAL:

SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:

SHRI VENKATESH BABU

T.G.:

SHRI ASADUDDIN

OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of terrorism have recently increased in the country especially in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the number of citizens who lost their

lives, terrorists killed and jawans martyred in such terrorist attacks during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of the measures taken at international level and bilateral level to fight against terrorism collectively;

(d) the number of infiltration by terrorists and casualties reported along the border during the said period, border-wise; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to check terror attacks in the country including on security establishments and also to curb infiltration of terrorists along the borders?

Agro Warehouses

2849. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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 functional agro warehouses built or contracted under FCI (Food Corporation of India) in the country, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of any gap in the actual and desired number of agro warehouses (which is approximately 15MMT) in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend the number of agro warehouses and if so, the details thereof along with the proposed number, time frame and revenue sources for the same; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to ease the multiple regulatory requirements to improve the viability of agro warehousing as a business, if so, the details thereof?

Market Intervention Agency

2850. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status of the Market Intervention Agency (MIA);

(b) whether the Government is considering that the presence of organized players will always reduce price volatility and this becomes more important when it comes to perishable items like Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP);

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to review the MIA and start procuring 'TOP' items under Operation Greens and sell them during off-season;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Renaming of Villages

2851. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to change the names of various villages/places in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the existing and proposed names of such villages, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of such proposals received and the action taken by the Government in this regard, State-wise including Kerala?

Recommendation of NCSC

2852. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that petitioners have complained to National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) regarding neglect of its recommendations issued to Department of Telecom (DoT) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to implement the DoP&T guidelines issued pursuant to 85th Constitution Amendment Act, 2001;

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

(c) the details of recommendations issued by NCSC to different Ministries/ Departments of Union and State Governments and complaints regarding defying/neglecting of the same received from petitioners during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government plans to empower the NCSC by amending Article 338 of Constitution to initiate action against the errant officials for defying Government orders issued in the interest of Scheduled Castes; and

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

MSP for Agricultural Produce

†2853. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and quantum of crops purchased at Minimum Support Price (MSP) along with the percentage of crops purchased out of the total production of crops in the country, crop-wise and State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of the farmers who could not sell their produce at Minimum Support Price (MSP), crop-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of the arrangement to circulate the copies of the announcement / notification of MSP to the primary units of panchayats and cooperative sectors after the announcement/notification; and

(d) the details of policy to issue advertisement to news media for publishing the MSP?

Ban on Indian Basmati Rice

2854. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that European countries have banned Basmati rice imports from India;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to discourage the use of insecticides/ pesticides in food articles; and

(c) the total quantum of Basmati Rice production in India during the last three years, year-wise, the details thereof?

Training to Police Force

2855. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is extending specialized training to police forces to deal with terrorists/naxalites/ Maoists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other effective steps taken by the Government to modernize Police Forces in this regard; and

(d) the details of compensation given to police personnel who fall prey to Maoist attacks?

Storage Capacity for Milk

2856. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects related to the dairy sector out of the 236 cold chain projects in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the total number of dairy milk storage capacity in the country at present; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the milk processing capacity in the country?

APIs from China

2857. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA: SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China supplies 70 per cent of the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for manufacturing of drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that interrupted imports from China may lead to a plausible scenario of drugs shortage in the country; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for production of APIs in the country?

Weapons for CAPF

2858. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a bid to cut down the time taken to procure latest weapons and equipment for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) the Government has clubbed two of the three stages of procurements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has initiated the process to fasttrack procurement and delegation of powers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Fishermen

2859. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that fishermen throughout the country, including Kerala are facing threats to their livelihood owing to coastal erosion, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is willing to incorporate a special component under the 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen' to provide assistance to fishermen facing the difficulties of coastal erosion, or in the alternative to create a separate specialized scheme for the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of New Citizens

2860. SHRI PARTHA PRATIM RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for the rehabilitation of the new citizens of India after exchange of enclaves between India and Bangladesh;

(b) whether the allocated funds are disbursed and utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of citizens who have come to India after exchange of Enclaves ?

Rehabilitation of Safai Karamcharis

2861. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decrease in the number of insanitary latrines cleaned by safai karamcharis in the country and if so, the details thereof indicating the numbers of insanitary latrines during each of the last five years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government plans to dislodge dry latrines, and undertaken efforts to provide safai karamcharis with sufficient training for alternate sources of employment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether under the aegis of National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation, safai karamcharis are given sufficient financial assistance in order to rise above the poverty line, and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether despite financial rehabilitation, the safai karamcharis still face discrimination and if so, the steps taken to deal with this issue?

Attack of Bollworm on Cotton Crops

†2862. SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 80 per cent of cotton crops has been damaged and the farmers have suffered huge losses due to the attack of bollworm in cotton crops in various districts of Maharashtra including Ahmednagar and Yavatmal districts and if so, the details thereof along with the relief

provided to the cotton growers who have suffered losses; and

(b) the steps taken by the Union and State Governments to protect the cotton crops from bollworm?

Projects under National Livestock Mission

†2863. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-Government of Rajasthan has made a request to the Government to approve National Livestock Mission (NLM) and Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Project;

(b) if so, the time by which the above Mission and project are likely to be approved by the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration

2864. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received, sanctioned, rejected and pending along with the financial assistance and incentives provided under the Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration in the year 2017, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the scheme has consistently failed to extend financial

assistance for the set target of 500 couples every year since its inception;

(c) whether the awareness about the scheme is very low and most of the proposals come from a few States and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to address the issues?

Youth Exchange Programme

2865. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently organized Youth Exchange Programme- Watan Ko Jano Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme aims to give exposure to the youth and children of J&K on the cultural and socio-economic development taking place in other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details regarding participants, collaborating agencies and expenditure incurred therein?

FCI Centres in Uttar Pradesh

2866. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate number of FCI centres are available in Uttar Pradesh for procurement of paddy and wheat, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such FCI centres in the country including Uttar Pradesh in future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bilateral Agreement on Cyber Crime

2867. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

(a) whether the Government is currently working towards bilateral agreements with around 15 countries for exchange of information on cyber crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken several steps to check cyber crime such as legal, policy and institutional measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pest Attacks on Crops

2868. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether after an erratic Monsoon, farmers in nine States are reeling under severe pest attacks and if so, the names of the affected States;

(b) whether most States in the country lose 5 to 10 per cent of crops to pest attacks every year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether pest outbreaks are more severe now because of the use of Hybrid Paddy along with fertilizers with high urea and ammonia content and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that climate change, along with the indiscriminate use of pesticides and breaking away from the traditional farming practices have also increased pest outbreaks in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps taken / being taken to control sudden surge in pest attacks in the country?

Service Charge

†2869. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

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 issued any guidelines to the companies, hotels and restaurants located in States to display easily visible and comprehensible information that service charge is voluntary;

(b) whether the Government has set up any agency to ensure its compliance in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of complaints received so far by the Government in this regard?

Aadhaar Cards for Disabled, Leprosy Patients and Senior Citizens

†2870. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Aadhaar Cards for disabled, leprosy patients and senior citizens of the country are not being issued;

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

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to make any arrangement to ensure that Aadhaar Cards are issued to such persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which Aadhaar Cards are likely to be issued?

Property of Delhi Police

2871. SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police is in possession of a number of properties in the NCT of Delhi for which it is neither the owner nor the tenant; and

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

National Overseas Scholarship for SCs

†2872. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/norms adopted by the Government for the National Overseas Scholarship for studying abroad;

(b) the categories apart from the Scheduled Caste students to whom the benefits of the said scheme have been provided;

(c) the target set regarding the number of the scholarships to be provided under the said scheme during the last three years and the number of scholarships provided so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make the said scheme more popular?

National Register of Citizens

†2873. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Register of Citizens (NRC) is being updated in Assam as per the directions of the Supreme Court;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any action to deport illegal migrants living in bordering States including Rajasthan after their identification/counting and investigation on the same lines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Parking Problems

2874. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the parking problem has worsened in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government during the last three years to construct multi-level parkings in Delhi?

Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)

†2875. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons benefited under the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the allocation made for implementation of the said scheme in Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the assistance provided under the said scheme?

Chaman Yojana

†2876. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Chaman Yojana;

(b) whether the above said project was launched by the Government through the remote sensing technique three years back, if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it has achieved its targets;

(c) the manner in which the aforesaid scheme is taking the horticulture farming to the new heights;

(d) the details of the benefits of the scheme reaped so far by agriculture sector and farmers; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all the States of the country, the details thereof?

Violation of Human Rights

2877. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) examines the cases of violation of human rights in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that NHRC recommendations are not binding on the concerned authorities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NHRC has no backing for Protection of Human Rights Act;

(d) if so, the rationale behind setting up this body;

(e) whether the Government proposes to give some powers to NHRC to enforce its recommendations or orders;

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

(g) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to give some more powers to NHRC?

Appointment of Women Executives in PSUs

2878. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a new human resource policy for appointing women executives in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

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

(c) the time by which the new policy is likely to be implemented?

Categorisation of OBCs

2879. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up/announced a Commission headed by Justice G. Rohini for sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of Members nominated for this commission and the number of OBC Members nominated; and

(d) the time by which the said commission is likely to submit its report to the Government?

Revision of Mandi Labour Charges

2880. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the State Government of Odisha's request to revise mandi labour charges;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to revise the same; and

(c) whether the Government is aware of the mandi labour charges per quintal in Odisha, if so, the details thereof?

Corruption in PDS

2881. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working of Public Distribution System (PDS) in the States has been severely affected by corruption in the system leading to diversion, black marketing and supply of poor quality foodgrains, if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported, the number of persons held responsible and the corrective steps taken thereon along with the punitive action taken against those held responsible and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken a project for computerisation

of PDS and introduce techniques like smart card, thumb impression, etc. and if so, the details and the present status thereof indicating the nature of assistance provided by the Government to the States;

(c) whether the guidelines issued by the Government for implementation of the computerisation project have been followed by the States and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch a nation-wide network system for tracking of the movement of PDS items to check diversion and pilferage and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken to strengthen PDS?

Use of Glyphosate in Cotton Cultivation

2882. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether controversial herbicide Glyphosate is being used illegally on cotton crop in India due to the illegal cultivation of HT cotton, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted studies on the human and ecological toxicity of Glyphosate, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that other countries have banned or severely restricted Glyphosate due to its adverse impacts and whether Anupam Verma Committee has received the chemical for a similar ban in

the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Centre for Universal Design Principles

2883. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Centre for Development of Universal Design Principles to promote a barrier free environment has been established as prescribed by the First Country Report 2015;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken requisite measures to make all Government websites accessible to disabled persons under the National Policy on Universal Electronic Accessibility;

(d) whether disabled-friendly websites are still accessible as other content when new content is added; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Climate Resilient Crop Varieties

†2884. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the continuous drought and unavailability of climate resilient crop

varieties and drip irrigation have adversely affected the agriculture sector in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government for the betterment of agriculture sector in the State?

Training on Farming Sector

†2885. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people trained by the Government in agriculture, horticulture, dairy and fishery sectors;

(b) whether the Government proposes to devise new courses for training on the above sectors as per the requirements of the himalayan States including Uttarakhand and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the training courses related to organic farming, floriculture, production of herbs, fruits processing and horticulture are being offered and if so, the details thereof along with the number of people benefitted from the said courses?

Protection of Vital Installations

2886. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

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

(a) whether Sriharikota Space Centre (SHAR) and other vital installations in the country are adequately protected from any security threats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost security and surveillance by installing Thermal cameras to these vital installations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the safety and security measures taken by the Government to identify and thwart any threats emanating from the sea, air and ground; and

(f) the funds allocated for carrying out the safety, security and surveillance of these vital and strategically important installations during the last three years?

Pension to Freedom Fighters

†2887. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

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

(a) the number of freedom fighters and their dependents who are receiving pension under the Central Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme along with the details of facilities and amount of pension granted to them separately, State-wise; and

(b) the number of families of those martyrs who have not been provided any facilities in the country, State-wise?

Municipal Waste in Indian Cities

2888. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several tonnes of municipal waste (garbage) that Indian cities and towns generate per day goes to landfill sites or dumping yards untreated;

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

(c) whether the Government is also aware that there is no uniform mechanism for maintenance, sweeping and lifting of garbage across urban areas in the country;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to properly dispose of the municipal waste along with the assistance and technical know-how to be provided to State Governments to address the issue?

Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007

2889. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASAREDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, the State Governments are required to constitute the Tribunals on subdivision level headed by SDM to adjudicate matters related to this law;

(b) if so, whether all the State Governments have complied with the same and constituted Tribunals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the number of States that are yet to constitute the Tribunals and the follow up action taken thereon?

Lithium-Ion Battery For Electric Vehicles

2890. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level committee headed by Cabinet Secretary has recommended commercial use of ISRO's lithium-ion battery technology for electric vehicles;

(b) if so, the salient features of the findings of the said committee along with the benefits likely to accrue to the electric vehicles sector; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to reduce the cost of battery in electric vehicles and increase its life time?

Operation of Delhi Airport Metro Line

†2891. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the operation of Delhi Metro Airport line was suspended for more than six months;

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

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted and accountability fixed in this regard; and

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

Batteries for Electric Vehicles

2892. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised any action plan to ensure availability of batteries for electric vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any private company has shown interest in manufacturing the batteries and if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers

2893. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

SHRI JOSE K. MANI:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the most stringent penal provisions in the law against manual scavenging, it continues to be practiced in various parts of the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has reduced funds under "Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers" due to underutilisation and if so, the funds allocated during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the number of cases of death of manual scavengers reported during the said period while cleaning septic tanks and sewers, State-wise;

(d) the details of cases filed in this regard, conviction achieved, action taken against the guilty persons and compensation paid to the families of the victims during the said period, State-wise;

(e) the details of manual scavengers identified and rehabilitation benefits provided to them and their dependents during the above period, State-wise;

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the process of identification of manual scavengers who are still engaged in manual scavenging and for total eradication of manual scavenging in the country including awareness in this regard; and

(g) whether the Indian Railways continues to be the largest employer of manual scavengers?

States Affected by Flood

2894. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States affected by flood in 2017;

(b) the number of persons who lost their lives or become homeless due to heavy floods, State-wise; and

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

Nomadic Women and Children

†2895. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the number of nomadic women and children in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such women and children residing in different parts of the country;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to bring these women and children into the mainstream of society; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Minimum Support Price

†2896. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the Minimum Support Price for

Kharif crops by 1.5 times of the cost price, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to include tail of farmers along with the expenditure incurred in crops as input cost and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the formula being used in determining MSP are different leading to difficulties in calculation of actual cost;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has taken any measures to tackle the anomaly in the interest of farmers?

Price Capping of Cardiac Stents

2897. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that research and innovation in stents technology and development of improved stents is adversely affected due to the capping in prices of cardiac stents;

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

(c) whether due to the price cap of cardiac stents, hospitals are preferring imported stents which is adversely impacting the indigenous manufacturers of stents;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether hospitals are off setting the reduction in stent prices by increasing the cost of angioplasty and if so, the details

thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Recovery of Old Currency Notes

†2898. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Police is recovering old currency notes to the tune of crores of rupees on a daily basis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the persons found involved so far in exchanging old currency notes; and

(d) the action being taken/likely to be taken against the persons involved in money laundering?

National Bamboo Mission

2899. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the National Bamboo Mission (NBM) implemented by the Government in the country;

(b) the details of the area of bamboo forestations in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the various steps taken by the Government to promote National Bamboo Mission in the country?

Fair Price for Farmer's Produce

2900. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is of the opinion that the farmers are not getting fair and remunerative prices for their produce and their income is not growing, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any pending recommendations in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any institutional mechanism for price stabilization in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that the real issue is that while the cost of production is constantly going up despite subsidies, the farmers are unable to get proper price for their produce, if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation of Tribal Girls

†2901. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that tribal young girls of Jharkhand are being taken to other States for domestic works and they are being sold by gangs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported, guilty arrested and the action taken against them during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the girls working as domestic helps from exploitation?

Interview of Prisoners

2902. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received from private individuals/media persons/NGOs to access prisons or interview prisoners after the 'Guidelines for allowing visit inside jails by individuals/NGOs/Company/Press for the purposes of undertaking research, making documentary or interviewing inmates, etc.' were issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 24th July, 2015, State-wise; and

(b) the total number of such permissions granted, State-wise?

Roadmap for Emission Standards

2903. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought the comments of stakeholders on a draft National Auto Policy to promote clean and safe mobility and adopt a long-term roadmap to harmonise emission standards with global benchmarks by 2028 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to adopt long-term roadmap for emission standards beyond Bharat Stage VI and harmonise the same with global standards by 2028 and to create a nodal body with a two-tier structure;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the nodal body is likely to be created;

(d) whether the country's automotive sector has the potential to become one of the largest employment generation engines and for India to become a global hub for research and development; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to develop the potential of the automotive sector and to facilitate India to become a global hub for research and development?

Property on Lease

†2904. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's property worth thousand crores of rupees is on lease at nominal rates in the country since the British regime;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy for regularisation of the lease rents/rates; and

(d) if so, the details and status thereof?

Bio-metric Identification in Ration Shops

2905. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ration shops have started using Bio-metric Identification;

(b) the details of the number of people who took rations during the last three months before the introduction of Aadhaar Bio-Metric Identification and the changes in the number of such people after the introduction of Aadhaar Bio-metric Identifications; and

(c) the number of fake ration card holders detected after the introduction of Aadhaar Bio-metric identification, the details thereof?

Human Rights

2906. SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major issues concerning human rights plaguing the country;

(b) the status of accountability of Union Carbide Corporation towards the

victims and survivors of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy; and

(c) the details of the efforts made so far by the Government in this regard?

Interest Subsidy to Farmers

2907. SHRI KESINENI NANI:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of interest subsidy provided to the farmers in the country including Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, State and District-wise;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to gauge the impact of this subsidy on the productivity of foodgrains and to establish a correlation between the size of farm holdings and repayment discipline among farmers, if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the amount of loan burden on each farmer doing agricultural work in the country during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the details of action plan of the Government to waive off/reduce the burden of loan on farmers?

Fertilizer Plants

†2908. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fertilizer plants operating in private and cooperative sectors along with the quantity of fertilizers produced and supplied by them;

(b) whether the production of indigenous fertilizers is adequate to maintain the ratio of NPK and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether fertilizers produced by the said plants are insufficient to meet the demand of fertilizers in the country; and

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

Food Baskets under PDS

2909. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

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 planning to expand the food basket under the subsidised Public Distribution System (PDS) to include pulses, millets and other nutrients given the increase in our food intake as a nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure Incurred on Prisoners

2910. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred on each prisoner lodged in different jails in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a huge discrepancy in the expenditure incurred on jail inmates by various States and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps on the direction of Supreme Court to have the accounts of prisons audited with the assistance of C&AG, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which a decision in the matter is likely to be taken;

(d) whether the Government has circulated to all States/UTs the Model Prison Manual 2016 which encompasses various aspects of prison administration/ reforms for their guidance and to ensure uniformity in basic principles governing prisons; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Governments thereto along with the steps taken to maintain a minimum expenditure per jail inmate and ensure better medical services in the jails?

Fertilizer Supply in Gujarat

2911. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate fertilizers has been supplied to Gujarat in comparison to the demand during 2015 and 2016;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken to ensure adequate supply of fertilizers as per the demand?

Performance of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

2912. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

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 Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) launched during the 11th Five Year Plan has not been doing well since the funding pattern was changed from 2015-16; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme and the funds allocated, released and utilized during the 12th Plan period year-wise along with the Government's reaction to the poor implementation of the programme?

Meeting with Chief Secretary of AP and Telangana

2913. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently conducted a meeting with Chief Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks?

PDS Scams in Arunachal Pradesh

2914. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequent PDS scams ranging up to Rs. one thousand crore occurred in Arunachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to overcome this problem and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has implemented IT in PDS, if so, the details thereof, States/UTs-wise; and

(d) whether it is a fact that IT has not yet been implemented in PDS in Arunachal Pradesh, if so, the reasons therefor?

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

2915. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise including Gujarat;

(b) whether some States have capped the insurance benefit of land at seven hectares and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the loanee and non-loanee farmers who have availed benefits under the PMFBY scheme, State/Union Territory including Gujarat; and

(d) the total number of States which have opted for PMFBY scheme so far?

Black Marketing of Foodgrains

2916. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

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 received any complaints regarding black marketing of foodgrains, diversion of foodgrains, poor quality and high pricing of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof during the last three years; State-wise;

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

(c) whether punitive action has been taken/proposed against the officers involved/responsible for the above irregularities/malpractices, if so, the details thereof?

Lower Dividend in PSUs

2917. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

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 during the last three years, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are paying lower dividend in comparison to the period, 2009-14;

(b) if so, the average dividends paid during 2009-14 and in consecutive years since 2015; and

(c) the impact on the Government exchequer as a result thereof?

Income of Farmer

†2918. SHRI CHANDRAKANT

KHAIRE:

SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the income from farming is insufficient or meagre for most of the farmers;

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

(c) whether climate change is one of the major reasons for insufficient/meagre income of the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the farmers are moving towards other professions due to non-profitability of agriculture in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether Swaminathan committee has given any suggestion/recommendation to ameliorate the financial condition of farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make farming a profitable profession and to increase the income of the farmers during the last three years?

Supply of Fertilizers

2919. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote the manufacturing and supply of organic fertilizers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the adverse effect of chemical fertilizers on the health of human beings and on the environment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of subsidy provided by the Government for chemical and organic fertilizers during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the farmers engaged in organic farming are facing scarcity in availability of fertilizers; and

(e) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government to supply adequate quantity of fertilizers?

Drip Irrigation

†2920. PROF. CHINTAMANI

MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated special drip irrigation system to save water and electricity crisis in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy to farmers of all the States including Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to implement the project in all the States to save water and electricity and for increasing agricultural production?

Claim Settlement under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

2921. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is facing a number of challenges that are delaying claim settlements for farmers and conduct of crop cutting experiments which many States are unable to do in a short window of time, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are gaps in many States in implementing the guidelines of the scheme in letter and spirit, if so, whether the Government plans to launch a new portal to ensure transparency and end-to-end implementation of the scheme from communication between the States and the companies to claim settlement;

(c) if so, whether the Government is going to issue a revised set of guidelines to address the current challenges and for setting up of a dispute resolution mechanism to resolve the conflicts between the State Governments and the companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Price for Agricultural Produce

2922. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:
SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian farmers are getting maximum prices for their produce despite excessive import of agriculture/food products and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any scheme to provide incentive to the farmers for producing good quality crops in abundance in order to promote export of rice, spices, vegetables, fruits produced in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Languages

†2923. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prescribed norms for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India has not been complied with and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the manner in which the Government differentiates between a vernacular and a new language before granting it the status of language;

(c) the details of the languages included so far in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, State-wise; and

(d) the details of advantages to be extended to the language after its inclusion in the Eighth Schedule?

Cost of Production of Agricultural Produce

†2924. SHRI BODHSINGH
BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms fixed by the Government regarding cost of production while determining the support prices for rice, wheat, soyabean and other kharif and rabi crops in 2017-18;

(b) whether the Government has announced new support prices for rabi and kharif crops by increasing the cost of production by one and a half time during the budget session of 2017-18; and

(c) if so, the details regarding projected cost of production of kharif and rabi crops and likely minimum support price to be determined by the Government in future?

Study on Farmers Debt

†2925. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of huge debt burden on farmers in the country including Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study to ascertain the quantum of farmers' debt and the reasons for the rising debt burden on the farmers and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering a debt waiver scheme for the farmers including any settlement scheme on the lines of one tenth settlement for the corporate; and

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

Allotment of Land

2926. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allotted land to the political parties in the Capital (Delhi) outside the Lutyens Bungalow Zone (LBZ) for construction of their offices;

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

(c) whether there is any criteria for the allocation of land to political parties in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Dialogue with Separatists

2927. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed interlocutors for dialogue with separatists in Kashmir;

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

(c) whether the Government has formulated any framework for talks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken to resolve the Kashmir issue and bring peace in the country?

Crop Loss due to Weeds, Insects and Diseases

2928. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that weeds, insects and diseases are the three main biological factors responsible for losing crop yield and causing economic losses to the farmers across the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of agriculture crops losses annually due to weeds, insects and diseases across the country;

(c) whether the Government has since taken or proposes to take any effective steps to protect farmer's produce from weeds, insects and diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Infrastructure on Border

2929. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the upgradation of infrastructure on the Indo-Pak border to control smuggling of narcotics has been completed;

(b) whether the infrastructure upgrade of Border Observation Posts (BOPs) has helped in seizure of illegally smuggled narcotics so far;

(c) whether the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs for expedited construction of lateral and axial roads in Punjab has been accepted; and

(d) if so, the details and status thereof?

Metro Rail Network

2930. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:
SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to connect the metro rail network to

all the airports in the capitals of all the States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not connecting Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Bengaluru airports with metro rail network?

Supply of Fertilizers at MRP

2931. SHRI PR. SETHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chemical fertilizers under the subsidy regime are made available to the farmers at the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) fixed by the Government for the farmers and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the fertilizers are not being provided by the agents at the price fixed for farmers;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide economic benefits to the farmers in the country;

(d) whether the fertilizer companies including the Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), Chennai are under-performing as against their installed capacity; and

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

Open Jails

2932. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently discussed the feasibility of establishing open jails in the country with Director General or Inspectors General of prisons of all the States and Union Territories and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether open prisons already existed in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of inmates therein, gender and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the concept of open prison and its potential to reduce the problem of overcrowding in the jails and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has directed the jail authorities to ensure the safety of prisoners and ensure that the jail inmates do not face any torture amid reports of torture of Kashmiri prisoners in Tihar Jail, New Delhi and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government for prison reforms?

Shortage of Bullet Proof Jackets

†2933. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) are facing shortage of bullet-proof jackets;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government for providing high quality bullet proof jackets in a time bound manner;

(d) whether the Bureau of Police Reserach and Development (BPRD) has recommended for light weight, high quality bullet proof jackets;

(e) if so, the details of the recommendations and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government for providing such jackets in a time bound manner to CAPF?

Rain Water Harvesting

†2934. SHRI JANAK RAM:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted/proposes to conduct any assessment of rain water harvesting capacity, existing infrastructure, volume of accumulated water and quality of water harvested in various cities in the country;

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

(c) whether the States have proposed different rules for rain water harvesting where roof top sizes for mandatory structures range from 100 sq. mts. to 300 sq. mts.; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Ministry proposes to measure the effectiveness of such rules for different States?

New Projects of DDA

2935. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any timeline has been fixed for execution of the new project to develop an integrated city with smart features in Dwarka by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any further specifications of this plan has been made concerning Dwarka and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any mechanism will be made available to the current residents of Dwarka, to put forth their views/concerns/grievances and if so, the details thereof?

Sand Mafia

2936. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether killings by the sand mafia are on the increase despite making best efforts by the Government machinery to curb such killings;

(b) if so, the total number of Government officers including Police officers killed by said mafia during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the total number of guilty persons arrested and the action taken against them during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has analyzed the reasons for the failure to contain such activities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to enforce the relevant laws and contain such illegal activities?

Killing of CRPF Personnel

2937. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of policemen including Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel injured and killed in various protests during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure better protection of the forces; and

(c) the funds spent on procuring protective equipment for CISF and CRPF jawans during the said period?

LTV to Minorities from Afghanistan

2938. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently cleared the proposal for granting Long Term Visa (LTV) to minorities from Afghanistan especially sikhs seeking refuge in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such relaxation will be given to minorities from Pakistan, who fled the country owing to religious persecution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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

Fire Safety

2940. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations to provide funds to State Governments to improve fire safety and allied services, particularly in urban areas, in view of rapid urbanization and financial crunch in local self-Governments;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) the total funds allocated to the States and the amount utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to open a branch of National Fire Service College, Nagpur in Gujarat to meet the growing demand for trained manpower in this field, if so, the time by which such branch is likely to be opened?

Expenditure incurred on Caste Based Census

†2941. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted caste based census in the year 2010-11;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has received requests from Hindus and Muslims who wanted to return to India; and

(f) if so, the number of such persons and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Issuance of Soil Health Card

2939. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Soil Health Card Scheme along with the criterion laid down under the scheme for issuance of Soil Health Cards (SHCs) to the farmers;

(b) the number of SHCs issued to the farmers across the country under the scheme since inception, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds provided by the Government to the States along with its utilisation reported by the States thereunder;

(d) whether the Government has set up Soil Testing Laboratories across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the number of farmers who have availed benefits of such laboratories, so far;

(e) whether a lot of soil testing laboratories are shut down due to shortage of equipment and manpower and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to improve the service; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred on caste based census;

(d) whether the data on the caste based census is proposed to be made public; and

(e) the reasons for non-disclosure of caste based census to the public so far?

Security to Officers

†2942. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of man-handling of officers belonging to Indian Administrative Service and other All India Services, interrupting such officers in discharging their public duties and lodging cases against such officers have come to light in the country especially in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any information has been collected by the Government in respect of such incidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to punish the guilty persons by taking speedy action and to provide security to the said victims/officers?

Linguistic Data

2943. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the linguistic/ language data of Census, 2011 are not made available to the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to make the said data available to the public soon and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any increase in the number of languages officially recorded in 2011; and

(e) if so, the details of the data of all the Indian languages and dialects listed by the Census, language and State-wise?

Terrorist Attacks on Security Camps

2944. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.

SCINDIA:

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militants have once again made an attempt to enter CRPF camp at Karan Nagar area in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir recently which was foiled by the security forces;

(b) if so, whether the militants later took shelter in the building under construction and located near the CRPF camp;

(c) if so, the details of CRPF personnel killed/injured due to the attempt made by militants on CRPF camp;

(d) whether NIA has since investigated the same; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect para-military bases, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir?

Establishment of FMTTI

2945. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA

RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for finalization of the site and establishment of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute (FMTTI) in Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Team have visited the State for the selection of the site for FMTTI and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said FMTTI is likely to be set up and made functional?

Evaluation of CPSUs

†2946. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL

RAM:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance/ functioning of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) is being evaluated regularly;

(b) if so, the details of the grading of CPSUs during each of the last three years; and

(c) the details of the assistance being provided to loss making CPSUs by the Government, CPSU-wise?

Implementation of PMAY

†2947. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) along with the number of people to whom houses have already been allotted, city-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the implementation of this project in Maharashtra is not as per the time limit prescribed for its completion;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken appropriate steps to create awareness among people regarding PMAY in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Maize Production

2948. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has surveyed the potential of maize production for replacement of the cultivable area of paddy and wheat in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that maize is utilised for production of ethanol for industrial and medicinal uses and animal feed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote maize production to produce its by products like ethanol; and

(d) if so, the way of action proposed to promote the production of ethanol from maize as sole crop?

Committee for Loan Waiver of Farmers

†2949. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up or plans to set up a committee for waiver of loans of farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Food Processing Industries

†2950. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA

ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

DR. P.K. BIJU:

SHRI BAHADUR SINGH KOLI:

SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing industries/units sanctioned and set up in various parts of the country during the last three years and the current year, State and Union Territories-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the programmes/schemes on which the Government is working for the promotion of the food processing industries in the country and the financial assistance and facilities provided for the purpose thereunder during

the said period, State and Union Territory-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time frame to receive proposals for setting up of food processing units and to release grants thereon and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to reduce the same;

(d) whether the Government has also launched any scheme to attract the youth of the country towards Food Processing Industries and to acquaint them with technical and marketing knowledge of the industries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has undertaken Research and Development (R&D) projects for the development of food processing industries in the country and if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for ongoing food processing projects for their timely completion during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Urea supply in Rajasthan

†2951. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether effective steps are being taken by the Government to ensure timely supply of urea and other fertilizers to the farmers;

(b) the manner in which arrangements are being made for supply of urea and other fertilizers to the farmers in the State of Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up any new plant for manufacture of urea and other fertilizers in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

BSF Personnel involved in Smuggling

2952. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Border Security Force (BSF) personnel were involved in cattle smuggling along the Bangladesh Border;

(b) whether it is true that BSF personnel were involved in many other crimes as well along the border; and

(c) if so, the total number of such cases reported so far during the last two years and the action taken against such personnel?

Pradhan Mantri Chhatravriti Yojana

†2953. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Chhatravriti Yojana for the children of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) the reasons for not giving the said scholarship to the children of refugees from West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs);

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement this scheme for the children of West Pakistan Refugees; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented by the Government?

Donation received for Calamity Relief

2954. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total donation received by the Government towards the relief activities for the Natural Calamities that occurred in Chennai, Kashmir, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand from different agencies, institutions and individuals; and

(b) the procedure adopted by the Government to ensure that the said donation reach the calamity hit areas and the affected families?

Cleaning of Sewers/Septic Tanks

2955. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy for abolishing manual cleaning of sewers and septic tanks in urban local bodies across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is introducing mechanized sewage cleaning systems in the country in select Urban Local Bodies on pilot basis;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals from various IITs offering to introduce advanced robotics for sewerage cleaning; and

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

Consumption of Medicines

2956. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any estimate regarding the per-capita consumption of Medicines in India and Bihar in particular and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding the per-capita expenditure incurred for purchasing the medicines, State-wise including Bihar; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to make medicines accessible and affordable, especially for people living in remote rural regions of the country?

Procurement of Tur Dal

2957. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge quantum of tur dal remains with farmers after the last date of procurement in Karnataka and other major States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to procure the remaining stocks of tur dal from farmers; and

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

Shortage of Police Personnel

2958. SHRI KAUSHAL
KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to take any steps to augment the heavy shortage of police personnel in proportion to the number of people they are serving in the country and improve the ratio;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrangement like appointment of local home guards or security personnel with specific powers and responsibilities is under consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Urban Policy

2959. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to come up with a National Urban Policy to ensure better policy implementation and timely achievement of urban development goals in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the Government has set up a Committee headed by Sameer Sharma to draft 'New Urbanization Policy' 2018, if so, the details and terms of reference of the Committee;

(c) the basic concept and special features of the proposed urban policy-2018; and

(d) the time by which the proposed policy is likely to be implemented?

Duplicate Books

2960. SHRI NAGENDRA
KUMAR
PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that duplicate publishers are printing duplicate books in the name of original writers and such books are being sold in railway stations and trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Sale of Housing Units

2961. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that housing sales have dipped during the financial year 2017-2018;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the housing sector?

Proposals for Old Age Homes and De-Addiction Centres

†2962. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals for old age homes and de-addiction centres from various States including Madhya Pradesh during 2016-17 and the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received and the current status thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be sanctioned?

Housing Loan under PMAY

2963. DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI TAMRADHWAJ
SAHU:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 87,000 Housing Loans have been sanctioned in the last 8 months under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and over 40,000 applications are under consideration for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target is to cater to the demand of housing shortage of nearly 1.2 crore and make housing available to all by 2022;

(d) the details of the existing structure of interest subsidy scheme on home loans in the country;

(e) the funds allocated and the amount of interest recovered under the interest subsidy scheme during the last three years;

(f) whether the cooperative banks play an important role in granting home loans, if so, the details thereof and the share of the cooperative banks in the housing industry; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to make the rates of interest on home loans affordable?

Rehabilitation of Prisoners

2964. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

(a) the details of schemes available for the rehabilitation of prisoners and children of prisoners;

(b) the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard; and

(c) the total funds allocated for the rehabilitation of prisoners during the last three years, State-wise?

Allocation for OBCs

†2965. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the ratio of Other Backward Classes with regard to the population of the country is kept in mind by the Government while making allocation of resources for their welfare;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Damage to Bridges and Roads due to Heavy Rains

2966. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the damage to bridges and roads including National Highway-5 due to heavy rains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for better disaster preparedness as every year Andhra Pradesh and particularly Godavari districts are affected by cyclone?

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

†2967. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is in the list of Navratna Companies of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of branches of BHEL along with their locations in the country and abroad; and

(c) the total number of employees working in BHEL along with its annual turnover?

Consumer Awareness

2968. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

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 implemented any policy/strategy to educate/make aware consumers about their rights across the country particularly in rural areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has sought participation of Panchayati Raj Institutions for effective implementation of the said policy/strategy in rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the complaints about violation of consumer rights have increased in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the rights of the consumers particularly rural consumers?

Development of Small Cities

2969. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:
SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering a separate new scheme focussing on the infrastructure development in the Urban areas with less than one lakh population as Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) was being implemented earlier under JNNURM which is closed since 31.3.2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the funding of such scheme is likely to be 80:20 and the Central Government Share would be 80% of the approved project cost instead of 50% as has been made under AMRUT?

Soil Testing in Tamil Nadu

2970. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether testing of soil in respect of cultivable land is being done in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether the testing is conducted at certain intervals;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for the same; and

(d) the type of financial assistance provided to the State under the National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSH&F) and the type of work done in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Private Security Agencies

2971. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005 to allow majority investment in private security agencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for the same?

Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

2972. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the success achieved by the Government in the implementation of PM Fasal Bima Yojana in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of farmers insured under the scheme in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) the types of crops for which insurance has been sought thereunder and

the amount of insurance money disbursed till date thereunder?

Uniform Freight Subsidy

2973. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced Uniform Freight Subsidy (UFS) to ensure timely availability of fertilizers to farmers at affordable prices;

(b) if so, the details of Freight Subsidy provided to fertilizer manufacturers;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to merge Freight Subsidy Head with general Fertilizers Subsidy Head; and

(d) whether the Government has introduced Integrated Fertilizer Management System (IFMS) to improve the functioning of Department of Fertilizers, monitoring of the movement and managing supplies of fertilizers and processing of the subsidy claims?

Dairy Farming

†2974. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landless and marginal farmers involved in dairy activity to earn their livelihood;

(b) the total percentage of milch cattle being reared by them and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken/likely to be taken to double the income of farmers associated with dairy industry?

Procurement of Soyabean

2975. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI A. ANWHAR
RAAJHAA:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the annual average production of Soyabean in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the average production of soyabean has declined sharply in the country during the said period and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government for procurement of soyabean during the current year;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the NAFED is not purchasing

soyabean from the farmers from various parts of the country including Maharashtra due to low quality;

(e) if so, the details of the facts along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the soyabean production in the country?

Viral Disease in Banana

2976. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI A. ANWHAR
RAAJHAA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Banana Festival, 2018 was held recently in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that various viral diseases including Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV) are affecting bananas grown in the country;

(c) if so, the quantum of crops losses due to these diseases;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any survey for such diseases in banana;

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

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect banana plantation from various diseases?

Bird Flu

2977. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention is drawn to outbreak of a highly contagious Bird Flu virus near Bangaluru in the Southern State of Karnataka recently, if so, the details of number of birds killed along with the reported loss of bird/poultry population;

(b) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to stop the spread of Bird Flu to other parts of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to give compensation to the affected poultry farmers, if so, the details

thereof along with the quantum of financial assistance to be provided to affected States, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the production of poultry products and its market domestically and internationally?

Mini Food Parks

2978. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Mini Food Parks to raise the processing level across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the sops and concessions being provided thereunder to the farmers?

Quality Assurance in FPI

2979. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is lagging far behind in matching global standards of food safety and quality and if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether there is lack of world class food testing laboratories in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether there is a need for a sustained campaign to educate consumers and promote quality assurance in Food Processing Industries and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether there has been slow progress of operationalisation of Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) signed for setting up food processing projects in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) other corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard, so far?

Supply of Sugar

2980. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
PROF. RICHARD HAY:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of the demand and supply of sugar within the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal, Maharashtra, Kerala and Gujarat?

Cross Border Shelling

†2981. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH
BABU:

SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been sharp increase in the incidents of ceasefire violations reported from across the borders recently;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents and the number of security personnel/civilians injured and killed during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether there are reports of dislocation of people and loss of property in the said regions and if so, the details thereof along with the compensation paid to the victims by the Government;

(d) the steps being taken for the safety and security of civilians in border villages including rehabilitation of the victims of ceasefire violations; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to resolve the ceasefire violations across the LOC including dialogue with Pakistan and the extent to which success has been achieved in this regard?

Promotion of Traditional Fishermen Communities

2982. 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) whether the Government is formulating any policy to promote the

traditional fishing communities living in coastal areas; and

(b) if so, the details of the policy and the funds sanctioned by the Government in this regard?

Prices of Farm Produce

2983. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI A. ANWHAR
RAAJHAA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to frame a policy to intervene

in agricultural markets whenever prices of farm products plunge below the Minimum Support Prices (MSP);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the main features of the policy;

(c) whether the Government has consulted various State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is also considering to involve farmer organizations in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the policy will be put into operation; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide MSP for farm produce to the farmers so that the farmers are not forced to sell their farm products under distress?

Production of Milk, Egg and Poultry Meat

2984. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of milk, egg and poultry meat during the last three years;

(b) whether the production of poultry and dairy industries in the country is showing a declining trend;

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

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to adopt the latest scientific developments in modernisation of these industries, if so, the details thereof along with the current demand and supply of poultry products, milk and milk products in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase production of poultry, milk and milk products in the country?

Jan Aushadhi Stores

2985. PROF. RICHARD HAY:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) opened and operational across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;

(b) the details of the medicines available at these stores along with the steps being taken to solve the problem of non-availability of medicines/stocks and delay in supply of the same to the Jan Aushadhi Stores;

(c) whether the Government is planning to open these stores at all or many

of the Railway Stations and Government hospitals across the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned for the purpose and the time by which such stores are likely to be opened; and

(e) the steps taken to increase awareness regarding generic medicines and JAS as well as to encourage doctors to prescribe generic medicines?

Use of Ring Nets by Fishermen

2986. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:
SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traditional marine fishermen of various villages along the coast in Andhra Pradesh have decided to refrain from using ring nets as these nets are one of the main reasons behind depletion of fish catch in their areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need for fishermen from adjoining areas to refrain from using ring nets in sea near their villages and the Government should seize such nets of those found fishing within 25kms from the coastline of their villages in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government and the fishermen communities;

(c) whether a ring net is an intermediate hybrid between a purse seine and lampara net as it has rings at the lower edge of the

net that enables use of a purse line to close it under the fish populace at a particular place in sea and also like on a lampara net, there is a central bunt in which the captured fish concentrates as two wings of the net are hauled together and due to this technique total fish populace of an area gets captured by ring nets, if so, the details thereof along with study undertaken in this regard and precautionary measures being taken in this regard to protect fish species also in the rivers and seas;

(d) whether it is also a fact that abundant use of ring nets leaves behind very less fish for other fishermen and it also has negative effect on fish population near the coast, if so, the details thereof and study conducted by the Government, fishermen communities/societies in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to advise fishermen not to do such activities to protect the rare species and fishes in rivers and seas along the coast of Andhra Pradesh?

Receipt of Ration Card by the Poor

†2987. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people living below the poverty line have not received ration cards due to which these poor people are deprived of the schemes of the Government

of India related to public distribution, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether ineligible persons are misusing the ration cards to be given to the people living below the poverty line under Public Distribution System with the connivance of panchayat/officials of the villages and the corrupt officers; and

(c) whether the Government has given directions to launch a drive at the Central level in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof including the extent to which action has been taken on these instructions?

City Compost

2988. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to develop a policy which will help in circulating compost produced from city waste for the purpose of farming and agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether farmers will be benefitted from lower MRP of city compost as a result of market development assistance and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to make it mandatory for Public Sector undertakings and Government Departments to use City Compost for the purpose of horticulture and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds earmarked in this regard along with the mode of disbursement of such funds?

Challenges of Food Processing Sector

2989. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHARAO RAUT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is focussing on areas such as modern machines/technology and bio-degradable packaging to overcome the challenges that are being faced by the food processing sector and to promote its growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the food processing sector is facing non-availability of credit related facilities;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to resolve issues related to credit availability to the industry; and

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(e) whether there is a need to work on improving infrastructure for food processing sector to increase exports, reduce wastage and supply the products in every nook and corner of the country and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Fertilizer Requirement

†2990. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from various State Governments regarding unavailability of fertilizers to the farmers as per their requirement;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers to the farmers?

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