

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Tuesday, July 18, 2017/Ashadha 27, 1939 (Saka)

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

#### Environmental Pollution

\*21. SHRI RADHESHYAM  
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,  
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing number of  
vehicles causing environmental pollution  
is a major concern in urban areas of the  
country including Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made  
any assessment regarding the adverse  
impact of increasing number of vehicles in  
the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Shrinking of Lakes/Glaciers

†\*22. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,  
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lakes, waterfalls and  
glaciers particularly in the Himalayan region  
are shrinking/receding/melting rapidly due  
to climate change and global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the destruction/tragedy  
caused in Kedarnath also occurred/happened  
due to the melting of glaciers; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**e-National Agricultural Market**

†\*23. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:  
SHRI MANSHANKAR  
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the work to integrate e-National Agricultural Market (e-NAM) platform with markets;

(b) if so, the total number of markets integrated with e-NAM so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any special steps to expedite the process of integrating the remaining markets with e-NAM platform;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the target fixed for integrating all the regulated mandis with e-NAM platform along with the time by which it is likely to be achieved?

**Closing of Industries near Lakes**

\*24. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,  
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued any orders/directions for closing of industries near lakes in the country;

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

(c) whether the NGT appointed Panel has asked the Government to seal units

violating its orders/directions and laid down penalty for dumping waste; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes**

\*25. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE  
AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding educational qualification, literacy and employment rates for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any new policy or is planning to enhance the educational qualification, literacy and employment rates of these population; and

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

**Naxal Attacks**

\*26. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the naxal attacks on security forces in Sukma, Chhattisgarh and Gadchiroli, Maharashtra recently have come to the notice of the Government;

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(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such incidents reported and the number of security personnel and civilians injured/killed and naxals arrested/killed during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the number of cases registered in this regard and conviction rate achieved during the said period, State-wise;

(d) the amount of assistance provided to the next of kin of the deceased and injured persons due to naxal attacks; and

(e) the measures undertaken to review the anti-naxal policy and strengthen the security system along with the other measures taken to curb naxalism in the country?

#### **Unrest in Valley**

\*27. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unrest in the Valley of Jammu and Kashmir has reached a 'dangerous' situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has any policy on 'Kashmir' and 'Pakistan' and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has sought any report from the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir on the present turmoil in the State and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to address the

unrest in the Valley and other challenges in an effective manner?

#### **Dairy Research Technology**

†\*28. 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 institutions working in dairy research technology and education sector in the country at present;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase per milch cattle milk production in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the impact thereof; and

(c) the details of the special efforts made by the Government for marketing of milk of native cow breeds in various States of the country in view of its nutritional value?

#### **Funds for Food Processing Industries in Jharkhand**

†\*29. SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of FOOD  
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no funds have been released for food processing industry in Jharkhand during the year 2013-14 and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the action taken by the Government for expansion of food processing industries

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

and setting up of new industry in Jharkhand; and

(c) the extent of success achieved in this regard?

#### Conservation of Lakes

†\*30. SHRI ARJUN LAL  
MEENA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,  
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sanction Rs. 56.72 crore and Rs. 10.04 crore respectively for conservation and sustainable management of Uday Sagar and Goverdhan Sagar Lakes under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco System (NPCA);

(b) if so, the time by which the said allocations are likely to be sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Streamlining of FCI

\*31. SHRIMATI DARSHANA  
VIKRAM JARDOSH:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC  
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण  
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken to streamline the functioning of the Food Corporation of India (FCI);

(b) whether the Government intends to bifurcate FCI into various segments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a high level committee to suggest the means for the eradication of corruption in FCI and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said committee has made recommendations to phase out the departmental labour system or its services and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of this committee?

#### Price Support Scheme

†\*32. 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 has received any proposal seeking to increase the scope of Price Support Scheme (PSS) for agricultural produce including pulses and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has appointed any research committee to increase the support price of agricultural produce and, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the proposal is likely to be considered by the committee;

(d) whether the Government has fixed the support price for pulses in conformity with the production cost of farmers in the present scenario and if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) the various steps taken by the Government to provide adequate Minimum Support Price for pulses?

#### Assistance for Drought

\*33. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern States *viz.*, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala have been affected by drought during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the major drought affected districts, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has sent any Central team to visit the drought affected States to assess the losses and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received representations from various States seeking financial assistance to tackle the drought situation and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the amount released/to be released by the Government to these Southern States under the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) along with the status of utilisation of funds released to these States and the number of farmers benefited therefrom, State and year-wise?

#### Espionage through Illegal Telephone Exchanges

\*34. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of illegal telephone exchanges routing calls *via* a computer network and allegedly used by Pakistani intelligence agencies to access sensitive military information in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the *modus operandi* used by the offenders;

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard along with the equipment seized by the officials; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue?

#### Urea Import

\*35. SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of urea imported by India during the last three years along with the estimated quantum of urea likely to be imported and the funds earmarked for the purpose during 2017-18;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the consumption of urea in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to bring urea bags in 45 kg instead of 50 kg, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase urea production including revival of closed urea manufacturing plants in the country?

#### **Financial Assistance to Rehabilitation Centres**

†\*36. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing financial assistance to rehabilitation centres for the welfare of differently abled persons in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of financial assistance provided to various State Governments including Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government also provides financial assistance to check consumption of liquor and narcotics and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether various State Governments have submitted proposals seeking Central grant for the said purpose; and

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

#### **Damage to Foodgrains**

\*37. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of damage to foodgrains during transportation from one State to another through road and by rail have risen over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the increasing trend of damage to foodgrains during transportation; and

(d) the success achieved so far as a result of these steps?

#### **Setting up of Irradiation Centres**

\*38. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent agrarian crisis in Madhya Pradesh where farmers had to sell their perishable produce at throwaway prices due to bumper crops has prompted the Government to sensitise the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) to set up irradiation centres in the State and elsewhere to prolong the shelf life of perishable produce and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether unlike chemical fumigants, irradiation does not leave any harmful toxic residue in the produce and is more effective in the processing of farm produce and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Lasalgaon Onion processing facility using BARC irradiation technology has been serving the interest of farmers of the region for the last few years and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cross Border Smuggling**

†\*39. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any efforts to trace/check the negligence of the personnel of Indian Security Forces deployed to check cross-border smuggling;

(b) if so, the details of such efforts made and the number of smuggling cases reported on the Indian borders during the last three years;

(c) the number of cases in which the personnel of Indian Security Forces were involved in cross border smuggling; and

(d) the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Assistance to Fishermen**

\*40. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government for the poor fishermen who do not own fishing boats;

(b) the details of the other schemes implemented by the Government to provide sustainable livelihood to the poor fishermen; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to such fishermen during the last three years and the current year?

NEW DELHI;

July 12, 2017

Ashadha 21, 1939 (Saka)

ANOOP MISHRA

Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

## Impact of Pollution on Taj Mahal

231. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent IIT, Kanpur study has revealed that carbon pollution around the Taj Mahal is turning its white marble yellow;

(b) if so, whether the Taj Trapezium Zone Authority has passed orders to convert vehicles plying near Taj to CNG;

(c) whether the said orders are likely to be applied only to vehicles operating within the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) or for other vehicles viz. trucks and other heavy vehicles also and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of compliance of the said orders?

## Labour Issues in FCI

†232. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation has been done in regard to handing over permanent light duty to handling labourer in a godown of Food Corporation of India at Manmad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of the said investigation so far?

## Wastage of Agro-Food Products

233. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding percentage of wastage of agricultural food produces in the country during the last three years, product-wise;

(b) the rate of wastage reduction achieved in respect of agricultural produces in the country over the said period through the schemes and programmes of the Government; and

(c) whether any new initiatives is under the consideration of the Government to identify regions of high wastage due to poor infrastructure for processing of agricultural produces so as to address the issues and if so, the details thereof?

## Rashtriya Gokul Mission

234. SHRI Y.V. SUBBARREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the objectives is to protect indigenous cattle breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Rathi, Deoni, Tharparkar, Red Sindhi and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Nellore Bull has not been included in the category to protect indigenous cattle breed and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is considering to include Nellore cattle which is on the verge of extinction under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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## Petro-Chemical Complex

235. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:  
MOHAMMED FAIZAL:  
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala to build Petro-Chemical Complex at Kochi using the idle land owned by FACT;

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

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up petro-chemical complexes/hubs around refineries across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated investment that would be attracted along with generation of job opportunities consequent upon setting up of petro-chemical hubs in the country?

## New Agriculture Technologies

236. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new technologies which are being developed for agricultural advancement and doubling the income of farmers in the next five years; and

(b) the targets set/achieved so far?

## Abolition of Manual Scavenging

237. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether manual scavenging has been entirely abolished in all the States and UTs across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has directed payment of compensation to the next of kin of the manual scavengers who died while engaged in manual scavenging in so far as the State of Tamil Nadu is concerned; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Krishi Vigyan Kendras

†238. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agriculture Science Centres/Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning at present in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up such centres in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the financial assistance being provided to Agriculture Science Centres in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the achievements made by these centres during the last two years and the current year; and

(e) the reasons for not setting up of Agriculture Science Centres in the remaining districts even after the approval and the time by which the said centres are likely to be set up in the remaining districts?

#### Funding for Anti-Naxal Measures

†239. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Naxalite affected States in the country;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to deal with Naxalites in these States;

(c) the details of funds released to the States for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding misuse of funds released to the States for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to check misuse of funds by the States?

#### Schemes for Senior Citizens

240. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens along with the names of the implementing Agencies/NGOs, State-wise;

(b) the funds released by the Government to the States particularly Uttar Pradesh under these schemes and funds actually utilised during the last three years, scheme and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from various States for

grant of more funds, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise; and

(d) the number of old age homes functioning in each State?

#### Redraw of Red Corridor

241. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to redraw the red corridor—the area affected by Left Wing Extremism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that 106 districts across many States are considered as Red Corridor;

(c) whether the Government is considering to take off 20 districts from the list of Maoist affected areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that out of 683 districts in the country, 44 districts are said to be the worst affected districts and if so, the details thereof?

#### Non-Official Directors of CPSEs

242. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the filling of Non-official Directors or Independent Directors (including Woman Directors) has

not taken place for many of the CPSEs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to fill up the posts immediately; and

(c) the current vacancy position of NOPT/Independent Director in CPSEs (as on date) and the retirement details of the existing NOPT Directors in CPSEs (as on date)?

#### Low Production Capacity

243. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that some companies are resorting to the tactics of low production capacity and on the basis of percentage production, obtain huge subsidy from the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of Fertilizer Plants/companies benefitted through subsidy and subsidy given to each of these fertilizer companies during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has set up any research team to find out the effectiveness of providing subsidy to fertilizer companies instead of to the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Loss Making Companies

244. SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

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रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-owned drugs manufacturing companies are running under losses and if so, the details of such companies, State-wise and unit-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revive the above companies with more investments and introduction of modern machinery; and

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

#### **Custodial Deaths**

245. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether custodial deaths in different jails in the country have increased in the recent years;

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

(c) whether the jails in the country are overcrowded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of new jails likely to be created by the Government during the year 2017-18?

#### **Construction of Border Outposts**

246. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in constructing Border Outposts at the

International borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh;

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

(c) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs in its latest report has made some recommendations or suggestions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Income from Farm Household**

247. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:  
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average farm household earns less than Rs. 6500 a month from all sources of income in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is of the opinion that this is sufficient for a family to survive and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans/schemes to support the farming community and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Women Police Stations**

†248. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up more police stations

for the disposal of women related cases within the stipulated timeframe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of women police stations functioning at present in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether setting up of women police stations has led to a decrease in the cases of crime against women;

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

(f) the steps taken by the Government to set up more women police stations in the country?

#### **New Drug Policy**

249. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is contemplating to introduce a new Drug Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the new Drug Policy is likely to come into effect?

#### **Conservation and Plantation Projects**

†250. SHRI RAM CHARAN  
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced different projects for environmental conservation and plantation in all the States/UTs including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds utilised by the Government on the execution of these projects in each State;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals to provide financial assistance to the States for the execution of those projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### **State Consumer Helplines**

251. 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 a large number of State Consumer Helplines are not functional and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued directions to State and District consumer fora to make them operational so as to address the grievances of people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response from the concerned State/District fora?

#### **Setting up New Jan Aushadhi Kendra**

†252. SHRI SHER SINGH  
GHUBAYA:

SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Jan Aushadhi  
stores located in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any  
proposal to set up some more number of  
Jan Aushadhi stores at the railway stations,  
bus terminals, petrol pumps in various  
cities/towns in the country, if so, the details  
of locations identified for the same, State-  
wise including Punjab, Jharkhand and  
Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the time by which these centres/  
stores are likely to be set up?

#### Death of Wild Animals

†253. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN  
BHATT:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the wild  
animals in zoos located in different parts  
of the country are dying due to heat and  
cold;

(b) if so, the details of such deaths in  
different zoos in the country including  
Delhi Zoo during the last one year;

(c) whether the Government proposes  
to take any steps to save these wild animals;  
and

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

#### Training Institutes for Physically Challenged Persons

254. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL  
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of training institutes  
for physically challenged persons  
functioning in the country at present, State-  
wise and location-wise including Bihar;

(b) whether the Government has any  
proposal to open more such institutes in  
various States including Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with  
the funds allocated for the same during the  
last three years and the current year, State-  
wise; and

(d) the time by which the new  
institutes are likely to be opened?

#### Rotting due to Poor Storage

†255. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC  
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण  
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of  
foodgrains rotting on account of shortage of  
storage facilities in Sheohar district in Bihar;

(b) the number of representation from  
the Members of Parliament received in this  
regard during the last two years;

(c) the action taken by the  
Government on the said representations  
so far; and

(d) the outcome thereof ?

#### Modern Fruits and Vegetable Market

†256. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new and modern fruits  
and vegetables market in Ganaur in Sonapat  
district of Haryana has been set up; and

(b) if so, the time by which the  
said market is likely to be inaugurated by  
the Government so as to provide  
benefits of the same to the people of this  
region?

#### Pension to Freedom Fighters

†257. SHRI DILIPKUMAR  
MANSUKHLAL  
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government  
provides pension to the families of freedom  
fighters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after  
68 years of independence, many freedom  
fighters are struggling with the Government  
to get Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension;

(d) whether the Government  
proposes to revise and increase the family  
pension of freedom fighters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Violence in Madhya Pradesh

258. SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware  
of recent incidents of violence in Madhya  
Pradesh specially in Mandsaur district;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
number of persons killed/injured, gender-  
wise including children;

(c) whether the Government has set  
up any probe in the matter;

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

(e) whether any kind of compensation  
had been given to the victims of the said  
violence;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not,  
the steps being taken to give compensation/  
relief to the said victims; and

(g) the measures taken by the  
Government to stop recurrence of such  
incidents in the State in future?

#### Tree Plantation Scheme

†259. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is  
formulating any scheme to make tree  
plantation mandatory for every person;

(b) if so, the time by which the said

scheme is likely to be rolled out; and  
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Financial Assistance for New Urea Plant

260. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance to start Urea plant in FACT, Kochi, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Availability of DAP/NPK Fertilizers

261. SHRI CHANDRAKANT  
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether DAP and NPK fertilizers are available in sufficient quantity;

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

(c) if not, the corrective steps being taken by the Government; and

(d) the measures being adopted by Government to prevent black marketing of the said fertilizers?

#### Cutting of Trees

†262. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether cutting of trees has any adverse effect on environment and climate change;

(b) if so, the number of trees cut down in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the policy of planting two trees for every tree cut was followed and if so, the places where trees were planted;

(d) if not, whether any action will be taken against the responsible persons; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Notices Issued by NHRC

263. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of notices issued by the National Human Rights Commission for Violation of Human Rights in the country during the last one year and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the NHRC has issued notices recently to Haryana's DG and Gurugram Police Commissioner over the gang rape of a 23 years old women in the Industrial area Manesar; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to punish the erring persons for violation of human rights in the country?

#### River Pollution

264. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution level in various rivers of the country including those in Karnataka has increased in the recent years;

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

(c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on cleaning of rivers during each of the last three years and the current year, river and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to promote eco-friendly industries to control pollution in rivers and environment and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to control pollution of the rivers in the country along with the agencies involved therein?

#### Drought Assistance to Karnataka

265. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team constituted by the Government to assess the damage to the Rabi crops owing to drought in Karnataka has submitted its Report to the Government after the survey;

(b) if so, whether the Government has provided the amount of compensation to the State Government as per the assessment in the report and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government of

Karnataka has demanded Rs. 3310 crore as compensation for the damages to the Rabi crops for 2016, if so, the time by which the aforesaid amount is likely to be sanctioned by the Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### National Zoological Park, Delhi

266. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken strict action for the negligence of the senior staff at the National Zoological Park, Delhi for the mismatch of the number of livestock as per the records;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to check the doubtful & mismatch recording of the Rhinoceros horn which are very costly in the open market;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to reorganize the set up to save the wild life; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Assessment of Real Estate Projects

267. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:  
SHRI RAM CHARITRA  
NISHAD:  
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that buildings and real estate projects between 20,000 and 300,000 sq. metres are no longer required to be assessed for environmental impact by the Centre and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that States now can integrate the clearance process of such projects into their building bye laws to streamline environmental clearance to a significant chunk of building projects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a new category of consultants called qualified building environment auditors and empanelled by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change would assess and certify building projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Financial Assistance to NGOs

†268. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI  
MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running any programme to provide financial assistance to the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working for the welfare of Other Backward Classes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds released to the NGOs under various schemes being run for the welfare of Other Backward Classes in Uttar Pradesh State during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(c) whether any monitoring or evaluation study has been conducted in

regard to the utilisation of released funds; and

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

#### Involvement of Juvenile in Crimes

269. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sexual and other offences by juveniles reported and the action taken against them during each of the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise including Jharkhand; and

(b) the remedial measures taken by the Government to control the crimes by juveniles in the country?

#### Crop Insurance Scheme

270. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various crop insurance schemes introduced in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the crop insurance has covered all the States and all the farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the crops covered under different crop insurance schemes, crop, scheme and State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited

under the different crop insurance schemes during the last three years, State-wise and crop-wise?

#### Setting up of Production Hubs

271. ADV. M.  
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is working on a proposal to set up production hubs for cow milk, vegetables and other agri produce near metro cities to boost supply and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government had held discussion with the State Governments in this regard; and

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

#### Import of Wheat

272. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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 not considering to import wheat on Government account;

(b) whether the country has enough wheat to meet the requirement under the Public Distribution System;

(c) whether it is true that as on December 1, 2016 Food Corporation of India had 27.55 million tonne of foodgrains out of which the quantum of wheat was 16.4 million tonne and rice was 11 million tonne; and

(d) whether the Government is encouraging import of wheat by private players by scrapping import duty on wheat and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### Setting up of Indian Agricultural Research Institute

273. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up an Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Assam at the cost of Rs. 155 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the institute will be functional;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up such institute at any other part of the country in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Sasthamcotta Lake

274. SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to check shrinking of sasthanmotta lake in Kerala State due to large scale pollution and receding water table;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an expert committee has been constituted to study the environmental impact on the lake which is a designated wetland under Ramsar convention; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the objectives of the said committee?

#### **Eco-Sensitive Zone**

†275. SHRI HARINARAYAN  
RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to create an eco-sensitive zone around Wild Life Sanctuaries and National Parks and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any such proposal to the Government and if so, the action taken thereon?

#### **Payment of MSP to Farmers**

276. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked all State Governments to ensure that the declared Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farm produce are paid to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details of the States which have adhered to it; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to extend some financial assistance to those States which have not paid MSP to the farmers in order to safeguard the interest of the farmers?

#### **Reservation for Transgenders**

277. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide reservation for the transgender community;

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

(c) whether the Government is likely to consider a policy on transgenders on the lines of the policy announced by the State Government of Kerala last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Harassment Cases in Delhi Police**

†278. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of harassment of subordinate officers/ personnel by the senior officers of Delhi

Police reported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard through any committee of senior officials of the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against guilty during the said period?

#### **Food Processing Industries in Bundelkhand Region**

†279. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing industries set up in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the details of the efforts made by the Government to promote food processing industries in Bundelkhand region?

#### **Modernisation of Police Force**

280. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Naxal affected States/districts in the country;

(b) the action taken by the Government for strengthening police infrastructure under modernisation of State Police Force Scheme so far;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this scheme so far;

(d) the details of the target set and achievement like construction of new Police Stations, Police outposts and fortification of police stations/outposts made under this scheme so far, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding the misuse of the fund, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Use of Banned Insecticides**

†281. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

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 banned insecticides beyond permissible limit in the food items, fruits and organic vegetables has been revealed in a report of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to check use of insecticides beyond permissible limits as these affect nervous system, eyes and skin and causes diseases like cancer; and

(d) the various other steps taken by the Government to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and promote bio-fertilizers in the country?

#### **Sub-Categorisation of OBCs**

†282. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes has suggested for sub categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

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

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

**Performance of Heavy Industries**

283. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:  
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the decline in production and performance of the heavy industries sector in the country during the last three years;

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

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

**Cultivation of Pokkali Rice**

284. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any record regarding the area under cultivation of Pokkali, an organic farming system of paddy in saline and waterlogged fields, in the coastal States of the country including Kerala and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pokkali rice cultivation has drastically declined by one fourth in the country during the last 20 years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to promote the Pokkali cultivation?

**e-Portal System**

285. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced e-portal system for sale of medicines online and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that All India Medical Association has resorted to agitation across the country in protest of the e-portal system of sale of medicines and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to redress the problems of the All India Medical Association?

**National Food Security Act**

†286. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) since its implementation, State-wise;

(b) the details of such beneficiaries in Bundelkhand region;

(c) whether the Government has made any special efforts to check malpractice and bring transparency in the food security schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Mini Food Parks**

287. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme to provide incentives for setting up of mini food parks and to boost manufacturing activities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also received proposals from private entrepreneurs seeking subsidy and incentives for setting up of mini food parks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total funds sanctioned by the Government till now, State-wise?

**Cold Storage Units**

288. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storage units sanctioned under the Integrated Cold Chain Project in the country along with those proposed to be set up in the current year and the next two years in the country including Maharashtra; and

(b) whether the existing cold chain units would meet the requirement of handling capacity of milk and dairy products, fruits, vegetables, fish, marine products and cereals and if so, the details thereof?

**Wheat Supply to Meghalaya**

289. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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 digitise the names of the distributors/wholesalers and consumers in the North east India, if so, the names of the States where the digitisation has been completed;

(b) the quantum of wheat supplied to Meghalaya by the FCI during the last three years and the amount involved therein;

(c) the terms and conditions to be a beneficiary of subsidized wheat from the



Government; and

(d) the names of the wholesalers in the State of Meghalaya for the last three years and the quantum allocated to each wholesaler?

#### **Drought Relief to Rajasthan**

290. COL. SONARAM  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 1193 crore was sanctioned by the Government for relief activities due to drought in Kharif Samvat 2072 as against demand of Rs. 10,537 crore by the State Government of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether no funds were sanctioned by the Government for cattle conservation out of the total demand of Rs. 1043.69 crore by the State Government of Rajasthan for cattle conservation activities as 1.69 crore out of total 5.77 crore livestock was severely affected;

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to release a sum of Rs. 1043.69 crore from NDRF as assistance for cattle conservation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Funds for Cultivation of Pulses**

291. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is committed to increase the production of pulses in the country under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked and released to the States; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to increase awareness among the farming community with regard to cultivation of pulses?

#### **Production Cost of Agricultural Produce**

†292. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercialisation of agriculture involves the maximum use of pesticides and fertilizers and excessive use of groundwater which has resulted in indebtedness of Indian farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the neglect of livestock and rising cost of fodder have forced the Indian farmers to rely on tractors for agriculture;

(c) if so, whether the reliance on tractors has further aggravated the problem of negligence of livestock and the production of organic fertilizer has almost dipped, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the agriculture yield has also decreased and the input costs increased due to overuse of chemical fertilizers resulting in the dominance of foreign multinational companies in Indian agriculture through foreign seeds and pesticides; and

(e) if so, the schemes formulated by the Government to minimise input costs and to end the dominance of multinational companies in Indian agriculture?

#### **Automotive Mission Plan**

293. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Automotive Mission Plan, 2016-26 which envisaged creation of an additional 50 million jobs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Automotive Mission Plan, 2016-26 aimed to put India's automobile industry in the league of top three nations in engineering, manufacturing and export of vehicles and auto components and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is extending the national Automotive Mission Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made so far under the plan?

#### **Suicide Cases**

†294. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases of suicides are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such suicide cases reported during each of the last three years State and gender-wise;

(c) the age-group under which maximum rate of suicides have been recorded during the said period ;

(d) whether the Government has identified the reasons behind such increase;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to bring down the rate of suicide in the country?

#### **Deployment of Marine India Reserve Battalions**

295. SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of the State Government of Gujarat for deployment of four Marine Indian Reserve Battalions in order to protect 1640 km. of coastal line which has vulnerable areas/installation around and near the land/creek border areas of the State bordering the hostile neighbour country is pending approval of the Government; and

(b) if so, the present status and the time by which the proposal is likely to be finalized?

#### **Construction of Border Outposts at Indo- Bangladesh Border**

296. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to implement the report of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs which has recommended to reconsider the original plan of constructing 509 Border Outposts (BoP) to reduce the inter-BoP distance to 3.5 kilometres in the interest of the security of the nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only 97 BoPs, out of 326 BoPs have been completed by the end of 2016 along the Indo-Bangladesh border; and

(d) if so, the reasons behind the slow pace of development and the steps taken by the Government to expedite the process?

#### **Increase in Compensation**

297. DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the compensation from the existing Rs. 9 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh to the family of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) killed on duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

#### **Cashless Transactions in Ration Shops**

298. DR. K. GOPAL:  
SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

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 the Government will equip ration shops across the country for cashless transactions by March end, 2018;

(b) whether it is also true that at present cashless payment can be made only in 38,000 outlets of the total 5.27 lakh ration shops; and

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has a concrete plan to meet this target and the same has been prepared in consultation with State Governments, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Welfare of Senior Citizens**

†299. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the population of senior citizens in the rural and urban areas in each State/UT as on date, gender-wise;

(b) whether the Government has recently reviewed the Centrally sponsored schemes for the welfare of senior citizens, if so, the shortcomings noticed and the outcome of the said review; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government for the effective implementation of the schemes for the welfare of the senior citizens?

#### **Preservation of Agricultural Produce**

300. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create awareness amongst the farmers to preserve their perishable agricultural produce thereby promoting food processing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to create linkages between farmers and Food Processing Industries to reduce the wastage of perishable agricultural commodities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the success achieved by the Government in financial terms in preserving perishable agricultural commodities during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **FAME India**

†301. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the scheme of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid & Electric vehicles in India (FAME India) in the country;

(b) whether the Government is regularly assessing the target and the progress achieved under FAME India in

the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of electrical/hybrid vehicles produced under Fame India in the country during the last three years;

(d) the total budgetary allocation to implement the FAME India scheme in the country during the last three years, including the details of fund utilization during the same period; and

(e) the steps to be taken by the Government to augment the FAME India in the country?

#### **Damage to Ozone Layer**

†302. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether researches have established that the Ozone layer is being damaged as 200 billion tonnes of additional carbon-oxide is dissolving in the atmosphere every year due to indiscriminate cutting of forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps/measures being taken by the Government to protect the ozone layer?

#### **e-NAM Scheme**

†303. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the agricultural produce markets

and bring more markets under the ambit of the e-NAM platform (National Agriculture Market) by allocating money for each market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the societies and make their functioning online and link them with District Co-operative Banks for better monitoring and bring transparency in the functioning of common facility centres which are the source of all agricultural inputs at the rural level and provide adequate funding, if necessary;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to strengthen e-NAM platform in entire Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

#### Web Portal

†304. SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has launched a web portal for approval of projects under the Coastal Regulation Zone and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the nature of functioning and objectives of the above portal;

(c) whether the above system is likely to help bodies of concerned States/Union Territories like the project proposers as well as State Coastal Zone Management Authority (SCZMA) and Municipal

Committee town planning Agencies to check the status of their proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Processing of Fruits and Vegetables

†305. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a very low percentage of fruits and vegetables produced in the country is processed and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the potential of each State specially of Maharashtra in processing of fruits and vegetables has been assessed by the Government and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps/measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote food processing industries in the country?

#### Food Processing Units in Jammu and Kashmir

†306. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has worked out any action plan for promoting and processing of the dry fruits and fruits in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide any subsidy for setting up food processing units for dry fruits and fruits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### National Bamboo Mission

307. SHRI S.P.  
MUDDAHANUME  
GOWDA:  
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 National Bamboo Mission is far from achieving its target due to less publicity, weak demand and less production of bamboo in the country, including Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount allocated by the Government for the scheme and the amount of grant released to various States during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the plan formulated by the Government for providing market for the bamboo crop of farmers;

(d) whether the reasons for failure of the Mission have been reviewed by the Government, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the various steps taken by the Government to promote the bamboo cultivation in the country?

#### Financial Assistance to NGOs

†308. SHRI LAXMI  
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) which have received financial assistance under the agricultural schemes being run by the Government in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds given as financial assistance to these NGOs; and

(c) the names of those NGOs which have been found involved in irregularities?

#### Registration and Quality Certification of Seeds

309. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is getting ready with a new Seeds Act making registration and quality certification of seeds of all varieties mandatory before being allowed for sale in the market, if so, the steps taken by the Government or being planned to be taken in the near future for conducting seed registration;

(b) whether the Government is considering to work with the State Governments and agriculture universities to involve them in the implementation of the registration process, if so, the details thereof, if not, the manner in which the Government would undertake the certification process; and

(c) the details of initiatives being taken by the Government during the last three years to ensure high-quality seed production in the country?

#### **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana**

310. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of projects undertaken for agriculture improvement in Kerala under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in 2016-17, district-wise;

(b) the details of the procedure for selection of projects and release of funds under RKVY;

(c) the details and the amount of funds allocated under RKVY during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the amount of funds released under RKVY for Kerala in 2015-16 and 2016-17?

#### **Distribution of Vehicles for Divyang Persons**

311. ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to distribute more vehicles to Divyang persons in September and October, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Production of Lychee**

†312. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of lychee production in various States of the country including Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year, State and rank-wise; and

(b) the various measures undertaken by the Government to raise the production of lychee in the country along with the details of the related research and new schemes implemented by the Government in this regard?

#### **Construction of Roads and Bridges in Naxal Affected Areas**

313. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal under Left Wing Extremism (LWE) division from the State Government of Chhattisgarh for construction of roads/bridges to provide commuting services to the people for combating naxalite menace in the naxal affected regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of rivers and routes on which these bridges/roads are proposed to be built;

(c) whether approval for these bridges has been given; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Instruction to NGOs**

314. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instructed NGOs to open their accounts in banks having core banking facilities recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is aimed at checking "errant" NGOs especially those organizations receiving foreign funding;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of NGOs blacklisted by the Government in relation with fund manipulation and management?

#### **Development Boards**

315. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Development Boards were constituted in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions in the State of Maharashtra and in Kutch region of Gujarat based on Constitutional provisions as specified in Article 371;

(b) if so, the details thereof, region wise;

(c) the funds allocated for developmental expenditure in each Development Board in Maharashtra and Gujarat for the last 15 years, region-wise;

(d) whether the Development Board successfully augmented employment,

industrial growth and improved qualitative outcomes of health and education in Vidarbha, Marathwada and Kutch regions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Agricultural Schemes for Tribal Areas**

†316. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement any agriculture related scheme for the tribals residing in tribal areas of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the scheme implemented/ being run by the Government at present by the Government; and

(c) the agriculture related work carried out during the last three years for the tribals residing in tribal areas of Jharkhand to improve their living standard?

#### **Insurance of Fish Ponds**

317. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given direction to the insurance companies to insure the fish ponds of fishermen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Government is considering to grant status to fisheries at par with Agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Demand & Supply of Urea

†318. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gap between demand and supply of urea during each of the last three years and current year has come down;

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

(c) whether Private and Public sector fertilizer producing companies have achieved the production target of fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the details of the production target set and the achievement during the last three years, company and fertilizer-wise?

### Field Trials of GM Crops

319. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/guidelines regulating the field trials of Genetically Modified (GM) crops;

(b) the present status of field trials of 13 GM food crops including mustard and brinjal;

(c) the details of crops subjected to GM field trials and the organizations/States involved therein;

(d) whether certain States/agencies/experts have expressed their reservations over introduction and field trials of GM crops; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto including the steps taken to address the objections/concerns?

### Coastal Security Plans

320. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various coastal States have submitted their Coastal Security Plans for approval of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the plans approved by the Government so far, for each coastal State;

(c) the reasons for delay in the approval of Plans of the remaining States; and

(d) the time by which the decision on the pending plans of the remaining States is likely to be taken?

### Mahila Samridhi Yojana

†321. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to SC/OBC women under 'Mahila Samridhi Yojana' during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has constituted any separate cell to implement 'Mahila Samridhi Yojana' in rural and tribal areas of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Census Data

322. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new census data released recently shows that the median age at the time of marriage has increased across all strata of society and genders due to socio-economic changes taking place and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the data reveals that higher level of school enrolment with overall 90 per cent everywhere and above 80 per cent of Dalits has also contributed to this welcome trend and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to eminent sociologists at the JNU, if this pace of growth in integration of the economy is kept up the median age at marriage for both genders should increase by two years in the next ten years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Auto Mission Policy

323. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Auto Mission Policy of the Government for 2016-2026;

(b) whether consultations have been held with Road Transport Ministry since vehicles are going to go up from 3.3 million now to 13.4 million by 2026;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to include various aspects such as promoting electric vehicles, infrastructure, fuel efficiency, etc. in the AMP; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Anti Naxal Measures

†324. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any concrete and effective steps to solve the naxalite problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to bring the naxalites back in to the main stream; and

(d) the details of dialogues held in this regard along with the participants thereunder?

### Plastic Rice and Sugar

325. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were videos on social networking platforms about rice and sugar being made of plastic, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India is collecting samples of rice and sugar from various parts of country, if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government would take action against the manufacturers/producers/importers/sellers of plastic rice and sugar, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Mustard Crushing Industry

‡326. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:  
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian edible oil extraction industry is facing tough competition from imported edible oils, if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the domestic production of mustard oil has become unprofitable *vis-a-vis* import of edible oils, if so, the

details thereof along with the reasons for the said industry becoming unprofitable;

(c) whether the oilseed extraction sector is now facing financial crisis despite the country being the largest producer of oilseeds, especially mustard seeds, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the installed capacity of mustard crushing industry is not being utilized despite availability of mustard oilseeds in the country in sufficient quantity, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures undertaken by the Government to bail out the said sector from financial crisis?

### e-Commerce Market

327. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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 implementing a project called, the 'National Consumer Helpline (NCH)' for the immediate disposal of the complaints of the consumers and if so, the details including the salient features thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any record regarding the number of complaints received and disposed through the NCH during the last five months, if so, the details thereof, State and month-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that overwhelming majority of consumer complaints registered during this period was

related to e-commerce and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the e-commerce market is growing in the country at the desirable rate and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether instances of irregularities in the functioning of e-commerce have come to the notice of the Government, if so, the details of the remedial action taken by the Government to remove such irregularities?

### Tax on Fertilizers

‡328. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to charge 28% tax on the fertilizers under the new GST regime in the country;

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

(c) whether the fertilizer manufacturers have given any indication regarding rise in the prices of fertilizers due to increase in the taxes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the percentage rise in the prices of fertilizers under the new taxation system?

### Empowerment of Differently Abled Persons

329. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for empowerment of differently abled persons in the country, if so, the details and the status of implementation of the scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up old-age homes for the differently abled persons and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated, released and the actual expenditure incurred for the empowerment of these persons during each of the last three years and the current year along with the projection of financial resources for the next three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to facilitate/empower the differently abled persons so as to enable them to earn their livelihood with dignity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made so far in this regard?

### Death due to Natural Calamity

‡330. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of deaths occurred in the country as a result of extreme weather conditions during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Department of Meteorology has released any report regarding the persons dying from heat wave, floods, cold wave, lightning and storm in the country;

(c) if so, the details of the said report;

‡ Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

‡ Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether the Department of Meteorology also makes estimation of the excessive damage likely to be caused as a result of the extreme weather conditions; and

(e) if so, the extent of excessive damage caused due to extreme weather conditions during the last three years, State-wise?

### Impact of Climate Change

331. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the adverse impact of climate change on the lives and livelihood of people staying in tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken mitigation measures to cope with the adverse impact of climate change particularly in the said areas; and

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

### Area of Forest Land

332. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total area of land reserved for forests in the State of Maharashtra, area-wise;

(b) the number of people illegally residing on the forest land for several years, area-wise;

(c) whether the Government is formulating/has formulated any policy to allot pattas to these people for construction of houses and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government is likely to evict these people from the forest land along with the reasons therefor?

### Ground Water Pollution

†333. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether indiscriminate use of chemicals and fertilizers during the last three years is a major cause of rapidly increasing ground water pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the pollution of the ground water during the last three years?

### Allocation under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

334. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:  
PROF. RICHARD HAY:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the salient features of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana along with its present status;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the above said yojana during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the details of the target fixed and achievements made under this yojana so far;

(c) whether the Government is satisfied with the achievements made under this yojana, if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is planning/proposing to use satellite and remote sensing technologies in agriculture sector across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and time by which it is likely to be used?

### Wild Animal Attacks

†335. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in the number of deaths due to attacks by tigers and elephants during the recent years in the country;

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

(c) the names of the States which have sent proposals for additional assistance for prevention from such animal attacks; and

(d) the funds released to such States during the current financial year, State-wise?

### Insurance Scheme

336. SHRI KONDA  
VISHWESHWAR  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of beneficiaries enrolled under Unified Package Insurance Scheme (UPIS) during the pilot phase, State-wise;

(b) the details of the average premium offered by private insurance companies and Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC); and

(c) whether the Government is considering to extend the scheme to other districts also and if so, the details thereof?

### Rajasthan Electronics Instruments Limited

337. SHRI R.P.  
MARUTHARAJA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given approval to the Rajasthan Electronic Instruments Limited (REIL) low cost solution-Electronic Milk Adulteration Tester in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the company has any extended business across the borders through business acquisition and if so, the details of the acquisition; and

(c) the locations in which REIL has been set up in the country, State-wise particularly Rajasthan?

#### ARYA Scheme

338. SHRIMATI KAVITHA  
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has initiated a programme on "Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture" (ARYA);

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the number of States in which the ARYA programme has been implemented during the last financial year and the districts which have been selected under the programme; and

(c) the number of youths which have been involved in the projects for setting up of micro-entrepreneurial units like Apiary, Mushroom, Seed Processing, Soil testing, Poultry, Dairy, Goatry, Carp-hatchery, Vermi-compost etc., the details thereof, programme/project and State-wise?

#### Debt Burden on Farmers

†339. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
SHRI HARISH MEENA:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:  
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 52% of farmers are reeling under debt burden and their growth of income is also negative;

(b) the details of indebtedness of farmers in the country including loan amount per farmer, State-wise;

(c) whether the increase in farmers' loans has been due to granting of more institutional loans to farmers by banks generously and if so, the response of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether any synergy has been established between Union and State to increase income of farmers and reduce their debt burden and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether debt burden on each farmer is more than that of average annual per capita income in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Prices of Pulses

340. SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether retail prices of most pulses specially arhar (tur) dal reached the Rs. 200 per kg. mark in most parts of the country due to supply crunch and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government had tenders for import of 5000 tonnes of arhar dal to boost domestic supply and if so, the details thereof and the countries from where these pulses were/are to be imported along with the quantum thereof, country-wise;

(c) the details of the total quantum of arhar dal imported as a result thereof along with the details of the companies which have imported the arhar dal and the quantum thereof, company-wise;

(d) the rates at which these pulses were imported; and

(e) whether the Union Government proposes to sell imported tur dal in the open market to control the price and if so, the details thereof and the total quantum of imported arhar dal sold in the open market?

#### Rehabilitation of Prisoners

341. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

(a) whether there are rehabilitation programmes for prisoners lodged in prisons and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such programs have shown favourable outcomes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted surveys or collected feedback

from inmates about such programs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the programs have led to inmates earning sufficient wages through their term in the prison and after the term and if so, the details thereof?

#### Cultivation of Kharif Crops

342. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total estimated acreage under cultivation of Kharif Crops during the current season as compared to that of the last season, crop and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has estimated the production of Kharif crops for the current season and if so, the details thereof, crop and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide adequate incentives/assurances to the farmers for sowing Rabi and Kharif grains and to procure their produce at reasonable price and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance the production and acreage of Rabi Crops also in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to discourage the import of agricultural produce in the country?



### Remunerative Prices for Agricultural Produce

†343. PROF. RAVINDRA  
VISHWANATH  
GAIKWAD:  
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:  
DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:  
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers including paddy growers in various States are not getting remunerative prices for their yields;

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

(c) whether the Government is formulating a clear and effective policy for minimum support price and loan waiver in the interest of the farmers in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering the legitimate demands of the farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the various steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate remunerative prices to farmers including paddy growers for their crops?

### Construction of Roads along Border

344. SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the construction of 73 strategic

Sino-Indian border roads in 2006-07 for completion in 2012 and 21 roads have been completed so far;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken note of this delay and appropriate comprehensive measures have been taken to speed up the works so that the national security is not compromised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Reduced Procurement of Foodgrains

345. 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 FCI has reduced procurement of foodgrains in the recent past;

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

(c) the details of procurement made by the FCI during the last two years, State and year-wise; and

(d) whether private parties are allowed to procure foodgrains, if so, the details of such private parties along with the quantum and the rate at which they are procured, during each of the last two years?

### Organic Farming

346. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:  
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any new initiative for the promotion of organic farming in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of steps taken by the Government in the field of research and development (R&D) in the field of organic farming during the last two years and if so, the details thereof?

### Centre of Excellence for Cotton

347. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN  
PATEL:

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 Central Institute for Cotton Research in Nagpur and the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project in Coimbatore of ICAR are providing only financial and technical support and conducting basic strategic applied research through Navsari Agriculture University and Junagadh Agriculture University and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these two institutes cannot serve as a Centre of Excellence for Cotton, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Gujarat, which is producing 30 per cent of the total production of cotton in India and generating rural employment is the right place for setting up of Centre of Excellence for Cotton;

(d) if so, whether a proposal forwarded to the Union Government for establishment of Centre of Excellence for Cotton in Gujarat in 2001 is still pending for Government's approval and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which and the location where this Centre is going to be established in Gujarat?

### Inclusion of Languages

†348. SHRI HARI MANJHI:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:  
SHRI PARTHA PRATIM  
RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution after 1950, language-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals for inclusion of more languages in the said Schedule;

(c) if so, the details thereof, language-wise along with the criteria for inclusion of languages in the Constitution;

(d) whether the Government has received complaints with regard to non-compliance of criteria stipulated for the inclusion of languages in the Constitution, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(e) the details of the benefits accruing to a language after inclusion in the Constitution; and

(f) the manner in which the Government differentiates between 'dialect' and a 'new' language prior to giving it the status of language?

**Generic Medicines at JAKs**

349. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is vigorously pursuing the objective of making affordable and quality medicines accessible to all citizens of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that most of the medicines mentioned under the Jan Aushadhi Scheme are not available in the Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) in the country;

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

(d) whether in-principal decision to open Jan Aushadhi Kendras at railway stations has been taken to increase accessibility to affordable, quality generic drugs for the common man and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which this facility is likely to be made available; and

(e) the manner in which the Government will ensure the availability of all the listed generic drugs at the Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country?

**Share of Sugar Subsidies**

350. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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 the States may have to bear major share of the sugar subsidy if they want to continue selling the sweetener under Public Distribution System at cheaper rates, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Union Government is likely to cut its contribution substantially, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government is considering shelling out nearly Rs. 4,500 crore as sugar subsidy to 30 States, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering the demands from various States to restore sugar subsidy, if so, the details thereof and decision taken by the Government thereon?

**Kuttanad Package**

351. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kuttanad Package for Kerala has been fully implemented;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the timely implementation of the Kuttanad Package?

**Writing-off Farmer's Debt**

352. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to write-off the debt of farmers;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Union Government seeks opinion from State Governments to protect the interest of farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to implement package for those farmers who are suffering from agricultural debt; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Price of Pulses and Oilseeds**

353. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of pulses and oilseeds have fallen steeply even below the

MSP because of record production during 2016-17 and the Government has failed to procure the stock from farmers at MSP leading them to distress sale of their produce;

(b) if so, the details of the fall in prices of pulses and oilseeds between October, 2016 and May, 2017 and the response of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the prices of pulses are going up despite record production and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Plantation Drive**

- †354. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plantation drive has been launched in all the States of the country on the occasion of Environment Day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of trees planted across the country during the above programme; and

(c) whether the State Government of Haryana has given its nod to cut down trees in the hills of Aravali and if so, the details thereof?

**Employment in Food Processing**

355. SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Processing is one of the major employment intensive industries in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of employment opportunities generated during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government is taking any measures to increase the employment generation capacity by promoting both domestic and foreign investment in food processing sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the investment made by both domestic and foreign entities in the sector during the last three years, year-wise?

#### Notification on Western Ghats

356. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:  
MOHAMMED FAIZAL:  
SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has not brought into force, a law that is likely to make about 56,825 sq. km. of the ecologically rich Western Ghats out of bounds for industrial development and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a draft Notification earmarked 60,000 square kilometres of the Western Ghats as Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) has been delayed for over a year and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Kasturirangan Committee has recommended that

infrastructure and development projects be subject to environmental clearance, and that villages in ESAs be involved in decision making for future projects and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some States have approached the Union Government to further reduce the ESA to 9,107 square kilometres instead of 13,108 sq. km. and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of final notification on the recommendations of Gadgil/Kasturirangan reports?

#### Cyber Wing Police Forces

357. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:  
SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:  
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the programme for modernisation of police forces with the capacity for handling cyber related crimes in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has instructed the State Governments to create a separate cyber wing police forces and purchase modern technological weapons under the scheme of modernisation of police forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the fiscal allocation made by the Government for this purpose; and

(d) the other steps being taken to encourage modernisation of Central/State Police forces in the country during the last three years?

#### Awareness on Drug Abuse

358. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any action plan for awareness building and educating people about the ill effects of drug abuse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has adopted strategy for community based intervention for motivational counselling, identification, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide training to volunteers/service providers and other stakeholders with a view to build up a committed and skilled cadre; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Neglect of Senior Citizens

†359. SHRI SANJAY KAKA  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of basic facilities and neglect by other members of family, the life of senior citizens has become miserable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enable them to live a life of dignity?

#### Strength of Police

360. SHRI MALLIKARJUN  
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the police set up in the country is heavy at the top and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a pressing need to strengthen the police set up at the "thana" level with more constables and inspectors to cope up with the increased workload;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to address the staff imbalance in the police force?

#### Forensic Laboratory in Andhra Pradesh

361. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government as a promise made in the 10th Schedule of

Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 has proposed to establish Forensic Laboratory in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also been received in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of actual execution of the work?

### Fertilizer Subsidy

†362. SHRI ANANTKUMAR  
HEGDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to credit the subsidy on fertilizers directly to the bank accounts of the farmers;

(b) if so, the date on which the said decision was taken;

(c) whether the Government had completed the preparatory work in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said scheme has been deferred due to shortage of Point of Sale (PoS) machines; and

(e) if so, the time period of the delay along with the further delay likely to take place in the implementation of the said scheme?

### Farmers Welfare Schemes

363. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO  
JADHAV:

SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:  
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of farmers welfare schemes are currently under implementation in the country and if so, the details thereof and the achievement made thereunder;

(b) whether the benefit of farmers welfare schemes are not reaching small farmers of the country and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures being taken to ensure that the benefits of said schemes reaches to all categories of farmers in the country; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to initiate any new farmers welfare schemes to check ever increasing farmers suicides in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### Reduction in Agricultural Cost

†364. SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects started by the Government to make better prices available to farmers for their produce and to double their income during the last two years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the Government has constituted/proposes to constitute any

Committee to suggest measures to reduce agricultural cost and determine appropriate price from time to time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Cost of Foodgrain under FCI

†365. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC  
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economic cost of wheat and rice procured under the Food Corporation of India has constantly been increasing over the years;

(b) if so, the economic cost of the above products during the years 2014-2015 and 2016-2017; and

(c) the support price at which wheat and rice were procured during the above period?

### Tiger Habitats

366. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has asked all the tiger range States not to confer forest rights on any tribal or forest dwelling communities in critical tiger habitats under the Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2016; and

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

### Damaged Grains due to Poor Storage

367. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC  
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India (FCI) is well equipped for the storage of farm produce and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the measures to be carried out for expansion of storage facility of farm produce in the country, the details thereof?

### Safety of Fishermen

368. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any exclusive measures to ensure the safety and security for the fishermen who are going for deep sea fishing, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken into account collision between fishing boats and merchant ships in deep sea particularly in Arabian Sea;

(c) if so, the precautionary measures taken or instruction given by the Government to avoid such fatalities in the future;

(d) whether the Government has taken any measures to implement proper guidelines for fishermen to avoid shipping channels, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any mechanism with the Government to monitor the movements of ships only through the recognized shipping channels, if so, the details thereof?

#### Production of Pulses

‡369. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the steps which the Government proposes to take to increase the production of pulses and to check rising price of pulses;

(b) whether the Committee headed by the Chief Economic Advisor has advised to give subsidy to the farmers and additional allocation to the Government's procurement agencies and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to implement the recommendations of committee;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government is also considering to impose restriction on export and keep unlimited stock of pulses and if so, the details thereof?

#### Fixation of MSP for Agricultural Produce

‡370. SHRI PRATAPRAO  
JADHAV:  
SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:

SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendation of the M.S. Swaminathan Report in which it is stated that the MSP for agricultural produce should be fixed at 50% profit over production cost including the interest on the loan taken for agriculture is not being followed in letter and spirit and MSP is being given often less than the cost of production;

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

(c) whether the Government has analysed the report of the Swaminathan Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not implementing all the recommendations of the Committee; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to fix the MSP for agriculture produce according to M.S. Swaminathan Committee Report?

#### Demand and Supply of Dairy Products

‡371. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN  
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any agency to regulate demand-supply of dairy products

on the lines of agriculture producer such as wheat, gram, paddy, pulses etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any scheme to give incentive to promote the export of dairy products such as skimmed Milk Powder and butter etc.;

(d) whether the milk producers are getting the competitive price of milk; and

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

#### Service Charges by Restaurants

372. SHRI HARISH MEENA:  
SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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 complaints from the consumers regarding service charge being levied by the restaurant owners despite it being not mandatory;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received by the Government in the last one year and action taken against the offenders;

(c) whether the Government has issued guidelines on fair trade practices related to the charging of service charge from consumers by hotels/restaurants to regulate charging of tips/gratuities in the name of service charge, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to set appropriate restrictions on the pricing of the food and beverages to be charged by the hotels, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether apart from forming Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum, the Government is planning to have alternative dispute resolution mechanisms for speedy disposal of cases on service charge, if so, the details thereof?

#### Agricultural Courses under ICAR Permission

373. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given permission to any educational institute in the country to run the agriculture courses without the ICAR Permission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Drug and Substance Abuse

374. DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of drug addicted children indulging in theft and other criminal activities have come to the notice of the Government in the country particularly at Anushakti Nagar Township in Mumbai during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the number of complaints/suggestions received by the Government

from various quarters to eradicate the menace of drug and substance abuse in the country particularly at Anushakti Nagar Township in Mumbai during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) the present status of such complaints/suggestions; and

(e) the preventive steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect children from drug and substance abuse and indulging in criminal activities across the country particularly at Anushakti Nagar Township in Mumbai?

#### Revival of HMT

375. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) is being shut down, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government plans to revive the iconic HMT; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Lithium Ion Batteries for Electric Vehicles

376. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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 incentivise manufacturers to set up facilities for making lithium ion batteries to lower the cost of electric vehicles in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard for setting up of such facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Green Business Scheme

377. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the welfare schemes being implemented by the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) including Green Business Scheme;

(b) the salient features of the Green Business Scheme along with number of beneficiaries since inception of the scheme;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any review on the functioning of the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC); and

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

#### Changes of Name of Railway Stations

†378. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals for changing the names of 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus' railway station as 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus', 'Elphinstone Road railway station' and 'Prabhadevi and Parewadi' railway station as 'Ketur' railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date;

(c) the status of the said proposals; and

(d) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be finalised along with the reasons for delay in this regard?

#### Plastic Eggs

379. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

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 reports that plastic eggs are being sold in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted tests on samples collected;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Impact of Demonetization on Farm Sector

380. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted or planning to conduct any study to understand the nature of impact of demonetization on farming sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the Government is planning to conduct such a study; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure minimum damage to small farmers due to demonetization?

#### Fake Currency

381. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fake Indian currency notes have been seized during the current year;

(b) if so, the quantum of fake currency seized, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken to curb such incidents?

#### Growth of Auto Industry

382. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that India's auto industry has become one of the largest in the world market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the competitive environment in the automobile market in the country is contributing to the growth of the industry;

(d) if so, whether the Government is taking any measures to better utilize the potential of auto industry for the growth of overall economy of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Conviction Rate

383. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that conviction rate in respect of IPC cases in majority of the States/UTs has been reported to be below the national average during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the mechanism developed by the Government to monitor the measures taken by the State/UT Governments to improve

the administration of criminal justice system and for prevention and control of crime in their respective State/UT;

(d) the details of the funds provided by the Government for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether cases of violation of guidelines issued by the Government to the States to improve the conviction rate has come to the notice of the Government during the said period;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(g) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve criminal justice system in the country along with achievements thereof?

#### Foodgrain Released to Maharashtra

†384. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice and wheat released to the State of Maharashtra through Public Distribution System under BPL, APL and AAY during the last three years;

(b) the details of the wheat and rice released under the General scheme and *ad-hoc* scheme;

(c) whether the State of Maharashtra has not been released the share to be allotted by the Union Government under the *ad-hoc* scheme since July, 2016 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Union Government is ready to release the share for this period and if so, the details thereof?

#### Sugar under PDS

†385. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the allocation and offtake of sugar under Public Distribution System during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether some States have not been able to offtake the quota of allocated sugar during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the States and the reasons therefor?

#### Infiltration Attempts along LoC

386. SHRI NINONG ERING:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that in the past few months there was a spurt in infiltration attempts across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir;

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

(c) whether a portion of border fencing have been cut by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and they sneaked in from that portion;

(d) if so, whether the security forces have launched combing operations along the border belt; and

(e) if so, the plans formulated by the Union Government to nab such terrorists and to strengthen its forces along the borders?

#### Conversion of RKVY into Raftaar

387. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:  
SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revamp the existing Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana into RKVY-Raftaar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for development of agriculture infrastructure specifically post-harvest infrastructure and promotion of private investment in agriculture across the country in a big way?

#### Procurement of Agricultural Produce at MSP

388. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procurement of agricultural produce by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India

(NAFED) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the last three years;

(b) the number of agricultural products covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(c) whether the Government proposes to ensure MSP at 50% more than the comprehensive production costs established by CACP, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to pass the legislation to protect the farmers right to sell their produce at MSP and also to ensure an annual automatic review of MSP; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **International Centre of Excellence in Investigation**

389. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of International Centre of Excellence in Investigation (ICEI-CBI) and International Centre of Excellence in Forensic Science;

(b) if so, the details of schemes undertaken to improve its functioning and to make it a premier investigative agency; and

(c) the details of cases pending under investigation for more than three years, including the current year?

#### **Crime against Women and Children**

390. SHRI P.K. BIJU:  
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of crimes against girls, children and women reported during the last one year in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that crimes against children and women in the country are on the rise; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken thereon?

#### **Marketing for Organic Fertilizers**

391. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

SHRI KUNDARIYA

MOHAN BHAI

KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan/proposal to promote the organic fertilizers industry and for more marketing of organic fertilizer in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scheme for Agricultural Profession**

†392. SHRI PANKAJ

CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated several schemes to turn

Agriculture into a profit making profession to increase the income of the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the schemes for increasing farmers income;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to extend the benefit of related schemes in agriculture in a better way?

#### **Monitoring of Welfare Schemes**

†393. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh under the various welfare schemes of the Ministry during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of proposals sanctioned and pending, scheme-wise;

(c) the monitoring mechanism for the said welfare schemes;

(d) the details of the grant-in-aid sanctioned under the said schemes during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise; and

(e) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be sanctioned?

#### **National Forest Policy**

394. SHRIMATI HEMA

MALINI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Forest Policy (NFP) envisages one-third of the total land of the country under forest or tree cover as a national goal;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total land under forest/tree in the country, as on date, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received representations/suggestions from various quarters including environmental activists over the fast depleting forest cover in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent depleting forest area and effective implementation of the NFP across the country?

#### **New Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy**

395. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is proposing to bring a new pharmaceutical pricing policy;

(b) whether the said move is expected to cut prices of medicines and various other pharmaceutical products in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the policy is also likely to bring more pharma products under its purview; and



(e) whether the Government has held discussions with the stakeholders in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### Complaints regarding Rotten Foodgrains

†396. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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 has received a number of complaints from States with regard to storage and supply of rotten and inferior quality foodgrains;

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

(c) whether any system has been evolved to ensure quality of foodgrains before and during storage for the purpose of supply to various States including Uttar Pradesh under Public Distribution System; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Profitable Milch Animals

†397. 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 proposes to implement any scheme to make the living animals particularly milch animals more profitable;

(b) if so, the framework of the scheme thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount spent by the Government under the scheme in 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017?

#### Nomination of Consultants in NAFED

398. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any provision to "Nominate consultants in NAFED" during the past years;

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

(c) the details of the applications lying pending with the NAFED along with their status and time by which these nominations will be completed for the current year; and

(d) the details of the eligibility criteria, tenure and facilities being provided to them along with the reasons for delay in nominations of consultants in NAFED?

#### Unrest in Darjeeling

399. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV: SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA: SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unrest has escalated in the past few days at Darjeeling hills in West Bengal and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Union Government has sought a detailed report from the State Government of West Bengal on the causes of unrest in the hills;

(c) if so, the details of reports submitted by the State Government of West Bengal to the Union Government;

(d) whether the Union Government has taken any concrete steps to prevent/check such unrest in the Darjeeling hills; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Communal Violence

400. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI: SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA: SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that communal violence and atrocities against Dalits have spiked in some of the States in the past few months;

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

(c) whether the Union Government had prepared any action plan or issued advisory to the State Governments to deal with communal violence as well as atrocities on Dalits;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the State Governments have adhered to the same; and

(e) the follow up action taken by the Union Government with the State Governments which have not followed the said advisory?

#### Income of Farmers

401. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN: SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI: SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: SHRI OM BIRLA: SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH: SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR: SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

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 roadmap outlined by the NITI Aayog for reforms in agriculture sector and doubling farmers income by 2022 and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto including the steps taken to implement the reforms and double the income of farmers by 2022;

(b) whether the States are extremely slow on agricultural reforms as a result of which there is distress among farmers and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard to prevent spread of farmer unrest across the country;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has urged the Government to link part of the financial grant given to States under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana for agricultural reforms implemented by the States and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the aforesaid arrangement will compel the States to bring significant changes in the agriculture marketing and other pending reforms in the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Government has identified a large number of disguised unemployed farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the employment opportunities and reduce over dependency on the agriculture sector?

#### Losses due to Natural Calamities

402. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI HARI MANJHI:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

(a) whether the various parts of the country including North-Eastern States and Assam have been affected by landslides, heavy rains and floods recently, if so, the details of loss of lives and damage to property and crops reported during the last one year and the current year;

(b) the details of assistance/compensation for loss of crops sought by the States in this regard and the amount of relief provided by the Government, State-wise;

(c) the efforts made by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams for rescue and relief operations along with the number of people rescued, boats mobilised, relief centres opened etc., State-wise;

(d) the status of relief and rehabilitation works in the affected areas; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to have a permanent mechanism to deal with such calamities and if so, the details thereof?

#### MSP for Pulses, Oilseeds and Cotton

403. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI C.N. JAYDEVAN:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE

AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the estimated production of pulses, cotton and oilseeds during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers from various parts of the country have been demanding increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for oilseeds, cotton and pulses, if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACPC) has also recommended for increase in MSP for pulses, oilseeds and cotton for 2017-2018 crop year, if so, the details of the MSP fixed by the Government for these items;

(d) whether the Government has also directed to the States to procure all farm produce so that farmers are not forced to sell their produce at lower prices, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether his Ministry had also meeting with seed companies to cut prices of hybrid seeds by 10%, if so, the outcome thereof?

#### Flood Tolerant Seeds

404. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed different environmental friendly crop/seed varieties tolerant to flood/water logging and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the name of the States where these seeds are being used along with the results thereof; and

(c) the details of the action plan prepared by the Government to expand the use of these seeds to all the flood prone States of the country?

#### Suicide by Farmers

405. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:  
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:  
SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI B.V. NAIK:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI MD.  
BADARUDDOZA  
KHAN:  
SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:  
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:  
SHRI P.K. BIJU:  
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:  
SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:  
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:  
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

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 farmers are committing suicide in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year along with the major reasons for the same, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for growing number of farmers suicides in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any specific plan/policy to prevent suicide by the farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the present policy for tackling the suicide cases of farmers is ineffective and if so, the response of the Government thereto including the steps taken to prevent suicides by farmers by creating conditions favourable for farmers;

(e) whether debt burden on each farmer is more than that of average annual per capita income in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove indebtedness and provide adequate remunerative prices for farm produce to farmers?

#### **New Rules on Sale of Livestock**

406. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has brought in a new Central rule that prohibits sale of Cows, Bulls, Bullocks, Buffaloes, Steers, Heifers, Calves and Camels for slaughter or sacrifice in the livestock markets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether certain State Governments have objected to the aforesaid rule;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to sort out the issue and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has also received certain representations from the States seeking modification in the definition of cattle to exempt buffaloes; and

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

#### **Soil Health Cards**

†407. PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:  
SHRI LALLU SINGH:  
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:  
SHRI DILIPKUMAR  
MANSUKHLAL  
GANDHI:  
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) whether a nation-wide centrally sponsored Soil Health Card Scheme is being implemented to facilitate every farmer to test the soil of his fields and improve farm production and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred on this project/scheme and the details of benefits accrued to the farmers as a result thereof;

(b) the number of Soil Health Cards issued/distributed to the farmers and remained to be issued undistributed so far, State/UT and year-wise and the details of time limit fixed by the Government to issue smart cards to all the farmers in the country;

(c) whether soil health card is being issued to the farmers through the Post Offices in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the distribution of Soil Health Cards amongst the distressed farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to take Soil Health Card Scheme to village and panchayat levels and if so, the steps taken/likely to be taken in this regard; and

(f) the details regarding the number of farmers who got follow up action taken by the State/Central Agricultural Extension Workers?

#### **Violence Related to Cow Protection**

408. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of attacks/mob attacks on cattle traders, beef eaters, muslim/dalit community and dairy farmers and killing of people in the name of protection of cows are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of persons injured/killed including muslim and dalit community, guilty arrested, convicted and the action taken against them separately during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints with regard to non-registration of such cases by State police personnel;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to stop such cases and to protect such community from the said violence along with the details of advisories issued to States and police departments in this regard?

#### **Bharat Ke Veer Kosh**

409. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:  
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of public deposits made in the Bharat Ke Veer Kosh, set-up by the Government so far, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has made any utilisation of the said funds so far;

(c) if so, the heads under which the said funds have been utilised;

(d) whether the deposits made thereunder are tax-free and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has constituted any Committee for governing the same and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Jan Aushadhi Stores**

†410. SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:  
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:  
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) are functional in Karnataka, Maharashtra & Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the matter regarding functioning of JAS in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh has been taken up with the concerned State Governments and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the total number of JAS set up/functioning in backward Scheduled Castes dominated areas of the country including Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh and the number of JAS proposed to be opened in the said areas including Bangalore and Bellary districts in Karnataka and Sitapur and Hardoi districts in Uttar Pradesh, location-wise?

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#### **Demonstration by Farmers**

411. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:  
SHRI MD.  
BADARUDDOZA  
KHAN:  
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farming in the country has become a loss making profession and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there are reports of demonstration, agitation, protest and farmers' unrest for debt waiver and higher crop price and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether a number of farmers died in police firing or committed suicide during demonstration in various parts of the country in 2017 and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether there is a need to give financial and other assistances to the farmers and to waive off their loans immediately to mitigate the rising anger amongst the farmers and to prevent farming from becoming unprofitable profession to them and if so, the details thereof and the

response of the Government in this regard including the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to make farming a profitable profession and to address the grievances of the farmers along with achievements thereof;

(e) whether the Government has prepared or considering to prepare a foolproof policy to solve the problems of the farmers including climate and natural calamities and if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented and the extent to which it will help in solving the problems of farmers; and

(f) the details of minimum support price and bonuses announced by the Union and State Government for procurement of farm produce during the current year?

#### **Radiation Processing Technology**

†412. SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FOOD  
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use Radiation Processing Technology developed by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for the preservation of fruits and vegetables including onions, potatoes and tomatoes in order to solve the problem of shortage in their supply and the consequent price rise and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study about the security concerns with regard to Radiation

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Processing Technology and if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the places have been identified for setting up Radiation Processing Plants in the country particularly Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the time by which the said Radiation Processing plants are likely to be set up?

#### Post Harvest Infrastructure

413. SHRI DILIP PATEL:  
SHRI K.N.  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fruits and vegetables are getting wasted every year due to non-availability of sufficient post-harvest infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total quantum of fruits and vegetables produced during the last three years in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal or programmes to improve/strengthen post-harvest infrastructure like cold storages, transportation, etc. in various States of the country including Gujarat, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated/sanctioned by the Government to various States for this purpose during the current year, details thereof, State-wise?

#### Promotion of Food Processing Industries

414. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote food processing industries with a view to increase the income of the farmers in the country;

(b) whether the Government is aware that a large area of food production has not been included under food processing industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the State-wise scheme prepared by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has signed any memorandum of understanding with foreign countries to get know-how/expertise and technologies to boost food processing in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it will boost the food processing industries in the country and increase the income of the farmers?

#### Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

415. SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objectives of the Government in launching the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana;

(b) whether there has been an increase in number of farmers insured under the scheme, if so, the details thereof along with the number of SC/ST farmers insured under the scheme;

(c) the details of the farms insured under the scheme during the last two years and the farms insured between 2012-13 and 2013-14, State-wise;

(d) the details of the premium collected under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) crop-wise, State and insuring company-wise along with the share of the Government and farmers in *Kharif* sowing season of 2017-18;

(e) the details of compensation claimed by the farmers under PMFBY for *Kharif* sowing season of 2016-17 in terms of the number of claims and amount received, State-wise including UP;

(f) the details of compensation amount paid, along with the details of number of farmers to whom it was paid, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, crop and insuring company-wise;

(g) the details of the high risk States and the details of the increase in amount of premium in those States; and

(h) the other steps taken by the Government under the scheme to improve assessment of crop damage in the country and bring more crops under the purview of PMFBY?

#### Policy on Coastal Management

416. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the policy on coastal management intended to ensure livelihood security to coastal communities, conserve and protect the coastal stretches and promote sustainable development taking into account the danger of natural hazards in the coastal areas;

(b) whether the said policy has achieved the desired results so far across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the salient features of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project along with its role in coastal management in the country;

(e) the present status of demarcation of hazard line in the coastal areas of the country along with the time by which such demarcation is likely to be completed; and

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

#### Foodgrain Output

417. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:  
SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat, pulses and other foodgrains output has been projected to be at an all time high during the crop year 2016-17 due to good monsoon and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of actual output of these crops in the country during the year 2016-17, crop-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering to impose higher import duties on wheat so as to discourage its import; and

(d) whether the country has adequate stocks of wheat to meet its any unforeseeable shortage in the markets in the country?

#### Checking of Pollution

†418. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released any fund to the State Government of Maharashtra to check pollution;

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

(c) the details of work done through the said fund during the last three years?

#### Food Items under NFSA

419. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI: ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and quantum of food items being provided to States/UTs at subsidised rates for distribution to BPL families as envisaged under the National Food Security Act, 2013;

(b) whether the Government has stopped supply of sugar at subsidised rates for distribution to BPL families through Public Distribution System in the States/UTs, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken a decision not to raise the price of food items in Public Distribution System (PDS) shops and village level shops at least till the next year, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the long term policy of the Government with regard to food subsidy to BPL families?

#### Grant for Residual Treatment Plants

†420. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has granted financial assistance for joint residual Treatment Plants (unit-5 and unit-6) under “The Policy Package for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises”; and

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

#### Generic Medicines

421. SHRI Y.V. SUBBARREDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generic medicines are 80-90% cheaper than the branded and patented medicines;

(b) if so, the reasons why the sale of generic medicines are not picking up in spite of so many initiatives;

(c) whether it is a fact that people have lesser faith on generic medicines as compared to branded ones and doctors are also advising them to buy branded ones; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps proposed to be taken to promote generic medicines?

#### Death of Marine Animals

422. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mass death of rare fish and other marine animals have been reported in the sea;

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

(c) whether certain companies/organisations/persons have been responsible in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to protect the rare fish and marine animals in the sea?

#### Culling of Wild Boars

423. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether wild boars are included in the list of endangered animals under the provisions of the Wild Life Protection Act;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of any State or UT having issued a directive for culling of wild boars since they destroy the crop of the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the unqualified directive for culling of wild boar would lead to indiscriminate hunting of wild boar for meat etc. making the species extinct;

(d) whether the culling of the wild boar is bound to affect the biodiversity of the region and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry would take up the matter with States concerned over the aforesaid issue and if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

#### Setting up of Meteorological Office

†424. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open Meteorological office in each and

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every district of the country to understand the weather trends in farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras attached to the Meteorological Department in the country till date and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers whose mobile numbers have been directly linked with the Krishi Vigyan Kendras concerned in the country and the details thereof, State-wise, along with the benefits accrued to the farmers therefrom so far?

#### Ration Cards for BPL People

†425. SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the needy people and the people living below poverty line have no ration cards in Jharkhand particularly in Ranchi district whereas the people living there have been demanding for the same;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard so as to provide foodgrains at concessional rates to the people living below poverty line?

#### Organic Farming through KVKs

426. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of funds by the Government to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether there are any KVKs engaged in organic farming;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation and marketing of organic farm produces; and

(d) the status of the initiatives taken by the Government for organic farming through KVKs?

#### Sown Area of Rabi Crops

427. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total sown area of Rabi Crops as on November 26, 2016 is higher than that of corresponding period last year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the demonetization has not affected the sowing of Rabi Crops during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Assistance to Coconut Farmers

428. SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to support and encourage coconut farmers in the country; and

(b) the present status of such proposals along with the time by which they are likely to be cleared by the Government;

(c) whether the Government proposes to delegate its power to State Authorities for faster clearance; and

(d) the other steps/measures taken by the Government to expedite the environmental/forest clearance?

#### Fertilizer Production

431. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:  
SHRI S.P.  
MUDDAHANUME  
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set and actual production of fertilizers during each of the last three years and the current year, sector and component-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to address the long standing problems of high production cost of fertilizers especially with regard to the customs duty on import of raw materials;

(c) whether the Government is aware that several joint ventures entered into with foreign countries have not been completed; and

(d) the details of the joint venture projects entered into by Indian companies during the last ten years along with their current status and expected time period for completion, project-wise and country-wise?

(b) the details of the funds allocated to Tamil Nadu during the last five years for the coconut farmers?

#### Increasing MSP for Agricultural Produce

429. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps taken by the Government to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for agricultural products, foodgrains, vegetables and fruits, pulses, edible oils;

(b) whether the Government has constituted any committee to analyse and assess the fixing of MSPs for such agricultural goods; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by the Committee during the last two years for fixation of MSP for such agricultural products in the country?

#### Environmental Clearance

430. SHRI INNOCENT:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals received by the Government for environmental/forest clearances including hydroelectric, thermal power and coal mining projects during the last three years, project and State/UT-wise;

**AAV Beneficiaries**

432. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

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 Below Poverty Line and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAV) beneficiaries and their entitlements under the Public Distribution System in the States of Haryana and Punjab during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the States have lifted their full allocated quota during the period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocations in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Extortion and Kidnapping by Naxalites**

†433. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of incidents of the extortions and kidnapping by naxalites in the naxal affected areas;

(b) if so, the amount extorted and the number of people kidnapped by naxalites during the last three years, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether incidents of destroying assets/infrastructure has also been reported from these areas;

(d) if so, the details of such incidents, losses caused and the number of accused persons arrested during the said period, State-wise; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government to stop recurrence of such cases?

**Revival of CCI**

434. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:  
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Telangana requesting for revival of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) situated at Adilabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the proposal?

**GMP Norms**

†435. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given any instruction to the pharmaceutical companies to comply with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) norms;

(b) if so, whether the GMP norms is not being followed so far;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to ensure its implementation; and

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

**National Agricultural Insurance Scheme**

436. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers benefited under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) in the country including Bihar during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the targets fixed and achieved thereunder during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, State-wise including Bihar;

(c) whether the farmers have not been able to reap the benefits of the NAIS;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the response of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure that the benefit of the above scheme reaches the farmers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Pollution in Daman Ganga River**

437. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken

by Daman & Diu Union Territory Administration in consultation with State Government of Gujarat to submit a joint comprehensive proposal under National Conservation of River Plan to check pollution from Daman Ganga river to the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this Union Territory Administration has approached the State Government of Gujarat in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Value of Cereals and Pulses**

438. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total values of cereals and pulses produced in the country have went down considerably in comparison to that of vegetables;

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

(c) the effective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Committee for Disabled Persons**

†439. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any committee to create awareness among the disabled persons



living in rural areas regarding the schemes meant for them;

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

#### Legislative Assembly in Lakshadweep

440. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute legislative assembly in Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether representations/requests have been received from various organisations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

#### Agricultural Families

†441. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of agricultural families has decreased in the country despite increase in population in the country;

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

(c) the details of the average monthly income of agricultural families in the country along with the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the action plan of the Government for the next five years to improve the

economic condition/standard of living of the said families?

#### Food Subsidy in Cash

442. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

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 the scheme of providing food subsidy in cash into the bank account of entitled households to enable them to purchase foodgrains from the open market and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) regime for delivering subsidies to the targeted populations has so far centered around cooking gas and to some extent on isolated pilot experiments with food subsidy and if so, the details thereof?

#### Directions to BIS

443. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC  
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण  
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directions or orders issued by the Government of India to BIS through its controlling Ministry *vide* order number 4/2/2015-BIS dated 16th November 2015 of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution have been followed by BIS;

(b) if not, the details of action taken by the Government against BIS;

(c) whether the Government is not empowered to issue directions to BIS under the BIS Act, 1986; and

(d) if so, whether BIS is not acting on the BIS Act, 1986 and the Parliamentary decisions/resolutions by not following the directions of the Government and the details thereof?

#### Tracking Trucks Carrying Foodgrains

444. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

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 proposes to establish a system to track the trucks carrying foodgrains with the help of generated SMS service from the time the trucks left the FCI Godown to the time they were delivered to the fair price shops; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Food Parks

†445. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of FOOD  
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposals from different companies for setting up of food parks in Maharashtra during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of approved proposals along with the funds sanctioned so far in this regard?

#### Implementation of Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project

446. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project is proposed to be implemented in cyclone prone coastal area of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in seeking approval of the Competent Authority so far?

#### Wild Life Sanctuaries

†447. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI  
MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to connect all the wildlife sanctuaries of various States through one circuit;

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

(c) the details of proposals received from the States in this regard and the action taken thereon, State-wise?

**Environmental Pollution**

448. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the rising environmental pollution in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has put any mechanism in place to ascertain reasons of environmental pollution and to fix the responsibilities on the authority concerned to check environmental pollution and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure the strict implementation of the pollution rules?

**Forest Areas**

†449. DR. RAMESH  
POKHRIYAL  
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of forest areas in various States in the country;

(b) the reasons for increase/decrease in the forest area in the States during the last five years; and

(c) the names of the States where the forest areas has increased during the last three years and the target set by the Government for this purpose in the coming year?

**Protection of Backwaters/Rivers**

450. SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from the State Government of Kerala for a package to protect backwaters and rivers from pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special scheme for Vembanad Lake has been approved or is pending before the Government; and

(d) if so, the status thereof?

**Pesticide Prices**

451. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently called a meeting with Pesticide Industry in order to bring down the pesticide prices in an effort to address the farmers grievances;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome thereof and the prices of pesticides that are likely to be brought down; and

(c) the other measures taken by the Government to address the grievances/problems of farmers across the country?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Vacant Posts for Divyangs**

†452. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts reserved for ‘Divyangs’ filled by the Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the total number of posts lying vacant along with the time since these have been lying vacant;

(c) whether all vacant posts have been filled; and

(d) if not, the time by which the remaining vacant posts are likely to be filled?

**Indecent Depiction of Women**

†453. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that some companies are encouraging the people to make obscene and objectionable videos featuring molestation of women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said companies organise parties and conduct seminars from time to time for this purpose;

(d) if so, whether these companies had honoured lakhs of subscribers in October, 2016; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to

check such kind of crimes including action taken against such companies?

**Strength of IPS Officers**

454. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of Indian Police Services (IPS) officers for the State of Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) the vacancies at present; and

(c) the time by which the said vacancies are likely to be filled up?

**Vacant Posts in PSUs**

455. SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:  
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacant posts under various reserved/unreserved categories in various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the country as on date;

(b) whether the Government proposes to fill the above vacant posts through special recruitment drive; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Nutrient Based Subsidy**

†456. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS);

(b) whether the Government proposes to review the subsidy policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the effective steps taken by the Government to ensure continuous and adequate availability of fertilizers to farmers at reasonable rates?

#### Soil Testing Centre in Jharkhand

†457. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soil testing centres are working in East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of farmers benefitted from the soil testing centres in Jharkhand during the last three years?

#### Blue Print for Old Age Homes

458. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to prepare a blue print for Old Age Homes for senior citizens;

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

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

#### Gramin Bhandaran Yojana

†459. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of various schemes being implemented by the Union Government for the welfare of Agriculture and Farmers;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government for Gramin Bhandaran Yojana under food processing sector, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the said schemes in Rajasthan; and

(d) whether the targets have been achieved in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### Production of Apple

460. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of apple has dropped ten to fifteen per cent in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the production of apple during each of the last three years and the estimated production during the current year in major apple producing States, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the affected farmers, if so, the details thereof?

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ANOOP MISHRA  
*Secretary General*

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