

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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**(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Commerce and Industry; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Panchayati Raj; Railways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship)**

Total number of questions -- 160

**Production and export of mangoes**

2721 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons of failure to boost mango production even though India is the largest producer of mangoes in the world, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (b) whether Government is considering to transform and modernize the agriculture sector which includes mango cultivation in mango producing States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government to boost the production and export of mangoes and to prevent mango crop loss from pests?

**Ill effects of chemical fertilizers in farming**

2722 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

**Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the ill effects of use of chemical fertilizers in farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether chemical fertilizers contaminate ground water and environment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of steps taken to protect ground water and environment from chemical fertilizers?

**Adverse effect of Glyphosate pesticide**

2723 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the pesticide named Glyphosate is having many

- adverse effect on the flora and fauna in agricultural land;
- (b) if so, actions taken by Government on the request of State Government of Kerala to ban the use of this pesticide in the country;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any studies to assess the impact of Glyphosate on flora and fauna, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to ban the usage of Glyphosate in the country, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Premium subsidy on crop insurance**

2724 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons and justification of Ministry to restrict Centre's premium subsidy on crop insurance to 30 per cent for unirrigated areas and 25 per cent to irrigated areas from the existing unlimited;
- (b) whether burden of premium on States would go up due to this reason;
- (c) reasons for making it voluntary for farmers to enroll themselves under PMFBY and RWBCIS;
- (d) whether the Ministry is planning to stop supporting insurance to some crops if the rate of premium is more than 30 per cent;
- (e) if so, reasons therefor; and
- (f) manner in which Ministry is planning to move ahead?

#### **Doubling farmers' income**

2725 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to further the achievements under doubling farmers' income, along with the States covered/beneficiaries listed and criteria adopted in this regard;
- (b) the funds sanctioned/released and the results yielded so far for doubling farmers' income, hectare-wise and crop-wise along with assessments made and demands reviewed in the last five years, State-wise; and
- (c) the future action plan in this regard?

#### **Production of biofertilizers**

2726 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has proposed to decrease use of fertilizer in agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to produce natural/biofertilizers in the country?

#### **Minimum Support Price to agriculture produces**

2727 **Shri Bikash Ranjan:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to enact a law to guarantee Minimum Support Price (MSP) to agriculture produces as recommended by M.S. Swaminathan Commission, if so, the reasons for not enacting the law so far; and
- (b) whether Government has submitted an affidavit in the Supreme Court stating inability to provide MSP at the rate of C2+50 per cent, if so, the details thereof?

### Procurement of crops at MSP

2728 **Shri Bikash Ranjan:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of crops and percentage of procurement of these crops at MSP during the years 2017 to 2020, crop-wise;
- (b) the percentage of farmers getting MSP for their crops during the years 2017 to 2020;
- (c) the total number of cooperative market yards under APMC in the country; and
- (d) the number of warehouses and Controlled Atmosphere (CA) facilities of Corporate to agriculture produce approved by Government, along with capacity, State-wise?

### Soil erosion and land degradation in the country

2729 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has periodically conducted any scientific survey/study to identify the extent and nature of soil erosion and land degradation across the country;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof;
- (c) the details of the cultivable area affected by soil erosion in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has chalked out any programme for reclamation and development of such land in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the success achieved thereunder during the said period?

### Implementation of schemes to help small and marginal farmers

2730 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any specific scheme to help small and marginal farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such farmers covered under such schemes in the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to mitigate the sufferings of small and marginal farmers in the country, the details thereof?

### Remunerative price for potato growing farmers

2731 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a huge gap between wholesale selling price of potatoes by farmers and retail selling price by vendors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has made any effort to bridge the gap between both and to ensure remunerative price to potato growing farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Insufficient cold storage facilities in Uttar Pradesh

2732 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cold storages set up in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is enough facility of cold storages in all the districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for insufficient cold storage facilities in the districts of Uttar Pradesh, particularly in the districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, including Ballia and Ghazipur?

#### **Payment of insurance claims**

**2733 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of farmers' crops for which insurance cover was provided by insurance companies during 2019-20 and 2020-21 in Surguja district in Chhattisgarh along with the names of such companies, details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) details of crops for which insurance amount was provided to farmers during said period and details of amount paid to them;
- (c) number of farmers for whom insurance amount was sanctioned but who have not received the same; and
- (d) number of farmers who have been paid compensation for crops damage due to various reasons during the said period in the said region, Gram Panchayat-wise?

#### **Doubling farmers' income**

**2734 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

**Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo:**

**Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made towards doubling of farmers' income by 2022, as committed by Government;
- (b) whether recommendations of Swaminathan Commission Report have been taken into consideration in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for decline in allocation to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) from ₹ 75000 crore in Budget Estimate 2020-21 to ₹ 65000 crore in Budget Estimate 2021-22;
- (d) whether this decline would impact the goal of doubling farmers' income; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Implementation of PMFBY across the country**

**2735 # Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiary farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the year 2019-20, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of farmers having land holdings of five acres or less;
- (c) whether this scheme has been extended to all the farmers of all the States, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for non-implementation of this scheme?

### Measures to prevent cultivated land from getting barren

2736 # **Shri Ahmad Ashfaque Karim:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the land is getting barren due to prolonged use of fertilizers such as urea in cultivable fields;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme by which the cultivated land can be prevented from getting barren; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Agricultural land holdings

2737 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of agricultural land and the total number of agricultural family in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the average agricultural land holding of each agricultural family, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the land holding per family is reducing gradually, if so, the reasons and remedies thereof; and
- (d) whether the reduction in land holding has any impact on agricultural production, if so, the reasons and the remedies thereof?

### Excessive use of fertilizer and pesticides in agriculture

2738 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the intensity of use of fertilizer and pesticide in agriculture in irrigated and non-irrigated agricultural land, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that due to excessive use of fertilizer and pesticide in certain areas, farmers and consumers are showing sign of dreaded diseases like cancer etc.; and
- (c) if so, the name of areas and the remedial step Government has taken to mitigate the situation?

### Creation of corpus fund for crop diversification

2739 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any plan to request the Ministry of Finance to create a special corpus fund for crop diversification so that the burden of procuring wheat and paddy could be curtailed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Cost incurred by farmers in production of crops

2740 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total increase in cost incurred by a farmer in agriculture over the last five years, including increase in diesel prices for running machineries;
- (b) the total increase in the farmers' income over the said period;
- (c) whether there is any plan to increase the annual support amount under the PM-KISAN

scheme to keep consistency with inflation; and  
(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Implementation of PM-KISAN Yojana**

**2741 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers belonging to Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Maharashtra who have benefitted under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN);
- (b) whether there exists many such farmers who have completed all the paperwork during registration but are not getting the benefit under the said scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Assistance under 'ODOP' scheme**

**2742 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the States which have been provided assistance by the Central Government under 'One District, One Product' (ODOP) scheme for agriculture sector; and
- (b) the details of the products exported under this scheme?

### **Loss of crops due to excessive rainfall**

**2743 # Shri Narayan Rane:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmers' crops have been destroyed by excessive rainfall due to which the farmers have suffered immensely in some districts of Maharashtra, particularly in Dindori region of Nashik, in October-November, 2020;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the loss due to the said excess rainfall and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has provided special aid or made arrangements to make up for the said loss and if so, the details thereof?

### **Non-approval of proposal by National Horticulture Board**

**2744 # Shri Narayan Rane:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that no proposal from the State of Maharashtra has been accorded approval by the National Horticulture Board;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the response of Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government would carry out any enquiry in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Implementation of agricultural schemes**

**2745 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the agricultural schemes implemented by the Ministry;
- (b) the allocations made and released to various States/UT during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether there has been an evaluation and impact assessment of all the above schemes;

- (d) if so, by when and the name of organizations which have done such study; and  
 (e) the major findings of evaluation studies relating to schemes on horticulture, minor irrigation, farm mechanization, etc.?

#### **Profit of private companies under PMFBY**

2746 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund allocated for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) by Government over the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and  
 (b) the total profit made by private companies working under the scheme over the same period?

#### **Judicial intervention in new agricultural laws**

2747 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that under the new agricultural laws, farmers cannot approach courts in normal circumstances;  
 (b) if so, the logic behind empowering officials to deal with and decide the complaints of farmers in case of dispute with purchaser of farm produce; and  
 (c) whether it is a fact that there is no compulsion of MSP under the new agricultural laws?

#### **Supply of farm equipments and seeds at concessional rates**

2748 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the financial status of farmers;  
 (b) whether there is any yardstick to determine the financial status of rich and poor farmers;  
 (c) the number of rich and poor farmers in the country, State-wise; and  
 (d) whether all the farmers are exempted from the payment of income tax and entitled to get farm equipments and seeds, etc. at concessional rates?

#### **Participation of women farmers in agriculture sector**

2749 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any scheme to provide facilities to women farmers for the development of agriculture areas in the country;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and spent for the said purposes in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Telangana;  
 (c) whether Government proposes to provide training to women farmers to make them updated with latest farming technologies;  
 (d) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to increase the participation of women farmers in agriculture sector?

### Setting up of Farmers Production Centres

2750 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has planned to set up Farmers Production Centres with a view to reduce the cost of farm production and increase farmers' income; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Promoting organic farming

2751 **Dr. Sonal Mansingh:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any pilot project to promote organic farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken so far to set up separate markets for the business of organic products; and
- (d) the steps taken for the segregation of organic products from other products?

### Use of satellite imagery-based yield and crop health estimation

2752 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

**Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the use of satellite imagery-based yield and crop health estimation for planning, validating and improving crop-loss estimation procedures recommended by a Committee set up by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in May, 2014 have been implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Adoption of modern technology

2753 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

**Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agriculture is the main source of livelihood for rural people in the country;
- (b) whether most of the farmers are still following the age old agriculture methodology;
- (c) if so, the measures taken for educating the farmers to adopt modern techniques for better yield at less expenditure;
- (d) whether 15 per cent of rural households are landless; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal to allot the non-cultivable land to such people so that these people may be in a position to transform such land into cultivable land to earn their livelihood?

### Reduction in budget allocation for agricultural research

2754 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the budget allocation for agricultural research and education has constantly declined from 0.31 per cent of the gross value added of agriculture and allied activities in 2011-12 to 0.24 per cent now despite agriculture being the primary occupation

in the country; and

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

### **Awareness activities on organic farming**

**2755 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers who are engaged in organic production are struggling due to poor policy measures, rising input costs and limited market, if so, the initiatives taken by Government to promote organic farming in the country, especially in Odisha State;

(b) whether Government is providing any special packages to farmers of Odisha for organic farming, if so, the initiatives taken in this regard, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has organized any awareness camps to educate farmers in rural areas regarding organic production in Odisha State?

### **Farming contract**

**2756 Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Section 9 of the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, allows farming agreement to be linked with credit instrument/loan facility under any scheme of the Central Government or the State Government or any financial service provider to sponsor company which enters into contract with farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of collateral security mortgaged in banks by sponsors from which recovery would be made by banks in cases of default by sponsors who would enter into contract with farmers under the Act?

### **Weakened negotiating power of farmers**

**2757 Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the weakened negotiating power of farmers with regard to large buyers/corporate consumers while conducting transactions under Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government considers such farmers to be susceptible to legal, contractual or other manipulations during the aforementioned transactions;

(d) if so, the measures taken to address the same; and

(e) if not, the reasons for such a position?

### **Quality improvement and standardization for chemicals**

**2758 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Department of Pharmaceuticals for standardization and quality improvement;

- (b) whether it is a fact that many chemicals produced and imported in the country are not having BIS standards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has recently made BIS standard mandatory for some chemicals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage of Urea

2759 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers in some parts of the country are facing shortage of Urea, the reasons therefor and the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of the steps initiated by Government to make Urea available to farmers so that their crops are not affected due to shortage of fertilizers?

### Upgrading NIPERs

2760 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

**Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering proposals for improvement/upgradation of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in various cities of the country;
- (b) whether Government is planning to upgrade the equipment and machinery in NIPER, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of various upgradation that have taken place and funds allocated by Government during the last two years for development of NIPERs as a model pharmaceutical research organisation?

### Rise in the consumption of chemical fertilizers

2761 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the consumption of chemical fertilizers is on the rise every year;
- (b) if so, the consumption of various chemical fertilizers in the country during each of the last five years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study to find out the reasons for the increasing or decreasing consumption of chemical fertilizers;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to create awareness among farmers for the balanced use of fertilizers?

### Augmentation of fertilizer points in Madhya Pradesh

2762 # **Shri Kailash Soni:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether infrastructural augmentation is required at the currently operated fertilizer points in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, by when the work of the said augmentation would be done?

### Janaushadhi Kendras

2763 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras opened in the country under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana during the last five years;
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras proposed to be opened during the next three years?

### Setting up of plastic parks

2764 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans to set up plastic parks in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Schemes to provide chemicals and fertilizers

2765 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any schemes to provide chemicals and fertilizers to farmers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Free of cost generic drugs to hospitals

2766 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to supply generic drugs free of cost in the hospitals soon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to keep a check on over prescription and wastage of drugs by the hospitals and if so, the details thereof?

### Cancer drugs

2767 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the cancer burden is increasing and has taken steps to ensure affordable pricing and availability of treatment drugs for the same;
- (b) whether price control for cancer medicines has been introduced; and
- (c) the price comparison from 2015-2020 for the same?

### City Compost scheme

2768 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has successfully met the target of setting up one compost plant in each city by October 2019, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the fertilizer marketing companies succeeded in achieving their marketing

targets, the details for the last three years; and  
 (c) the steps Government has taken to spread awareness about segregation of waste at the household level, the details thereof?

#### **Indian chemical inventory**

2769 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to have a dedicated team of scientists and chemical engineers to lead the development of India's chemical inventory along with establishing the relevant funding mechanism; and
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry would make allocations in the Budget to establish the Indian chemical inventory?

#### **Exports from the manufacturing sector**

2770 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise exports from the manufacturing sector in the last five years;
- (b) the details of impact on exports from the manufacturing sector due to sudden lockdown and the pandemic;
- (c) the details of quarter-wise exports from the manufacturing sector in the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- (d) the details of steps being taken to revive the exports at the earliest; and
- (e) the details of expected time it would take to get back to pre-Corona levels?

#### **Development of industrially backward areas of Karnataka**

2771 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified the industrially backward districts/areas of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the district-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any policy, favourable conditions, investment system or scheme for the industrial development and setting up the industries based on local resources in these backward districts/areas; and
- (d) the efforts made by Government for the industrial development of the backward districts/areas of Karnataka?

#### **Inconvenience due to holding of VCs in public hours**

2772 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the difficulties/inconvenience being faced by the common people on regular basis due to very frequent video conferencing/virtual meetings (VCs) during public contact hours by the senior officers of the Ministry with subordinate offices, especially with officers of Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organization (PESO);
- (b) if so, the reasons for holding such meetings during public contact hours; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by Government to avoid holding such meetings during public contact hours?

### Export of value-added organic food

2773 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage contribution of India in the global value-added organic food export market and the details of measures taken to boost value-added organic cultivation of fruits and vegetables;
- (b) the percentage distribution of various value-added organic products that are exported from India;
- (c) the details of nation-wise import and export of the top hundred value-added organic products during the last three years; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to promote the exports of organic value-added vegan products under APEDA to meet the growing demand from the international market and if so, the details thereof?

### Development of industrial cities

2774 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Industrial Corridors are under development in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) how many industrial cities or projects are proposed for development under each of the above Corridors;
- (c) the details for each Corridor like location, State, likely year of initiation, proposed area, nature of industrial development, likely investment, etc.;
- (d) how many industrial cities/nodes are proposed for development in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka, the details thereof;
- (e) which two States have the highest number of industrial cities/nodes proposed for development; and
- (f) the reasons for their preference?

### Import of edible oils

2775 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of import of edible oils after lockdown;
- (b) the details of quality and rate of import of edible oils per year during the last three years;
- (c) the quality of oilseeds purchased directly from the farmers by private companies for export under "The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020"; and
- (d) the details thereof?

### National e-Commerce Policy, 2019

2776 **Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has notified and implemented the National e-Commerce Policy, 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

- (c) whether Government has any proposal to control the ownership stake of foreigners in the e-Commerce sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the year-wise details of tax subsidy granted to e-Commerce companies in the last five years?

#### **Crisis in Cashew industry in Koraput district of Odisha**

**2777 Shri Ashwini Vaishnav:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the crisis in the Cashew industry in Koraput district of Odisha;
- (b) whether Government proposes to introduce a comprehensive scheme for the protection of Cashew industry and if so, details thereof along with the action taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Cashew industries in the State of Odisha have been closed due to non-availability of raw Cashew nuts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to ensure availability of sufficient quantity of raw Cashew nuts to these industries?

#### **India's trade performance during COVID-19 period**

**2778 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed/reviewed the trade performance of the country during the last one year during the COVID-19 period, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) how the COVID-19 has affected the country's trade performance;
- (c) whether Government is working out for increasing the production and exports of Pharma, Agriculture, Automobile, Defence items in a big way, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to re-energize India's trade performance, the details thereof?

#### **New central sector scheme for industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir**

**2779 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

**Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a new central sector scheme for industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir has been formulated; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Promotion of Startups**

**2780 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any specific measures for the promotion of Startups in the country; and
- (b) if so, how many Startups have benefitted from such specific measures, the details thereof, State-wise?

### Imports from China

2781 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the imports from China, which had stopped at the time of Corona pandemic outbreak, have regained their momentum now;
- (b) the details of goods which are being imported from China again after Corona pandemic, along with the quantum of imports;
- (c) the details of Chinese companies which have succeeded in getting contracts and new assignments in the wake of post Corona scenario;
- (d) the Chinese Apps which have been banned by Government along with the details of escape routes being adopted by China to avoid those sanctions; and
- (e) details of Indian goods being exported to China in post Corona pandemic?

### Steps to facilitate farmers to give up tobacco farming

2782 **Shri K.T.S. Tulsi:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes or a framework, if any, devised by Government to facilitate Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco farmers to give up tobacco farming and demolish their barns, and to provide compensation thereof to the said farmers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Support to Tobacco growers

2783 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the kind of institutional, monetary and regulatory support given by Government for the Tobacco growers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### e-Wallet companies with foreign investment

2784 # **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of e-Wallet companies operating under e-Commerce and e-payment, and the amount of foreign investment made in the same, the details thereof; and
- (b) the names of e-Commerce and e-payment companies that have the stake of foreign companies, including that of China and the amount of such stakes, the details thereof?

### Study to assess the impact of functioning of SEZs on economic growth

2785 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess impact of functioning of SEZs on economic growth of the country, as a CAG Report (No 21 of 2014) had revealed that the trends of the national databases on economic growth of the country, trade, infrastructure, investment, employment, etc. do not indicate any significant impact of the functioning of the SEZs on the economic growth; and

(b) whether Government has also conducted any study to assess how land notified under SEZ Act was utilised, as the same CAG Report also reports that land acquired was not serving the objectives of SEZ Act?

### **Electronic commerce and digital services in the new Foreign Trade Policy**

2786 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to include chapters on electronic commerce and digital services in the Foreign Trade Policy 2021-26 and if so, whether Government would include a policy on electronic commerce chapters in the Free Trade Agreements it enters; and
- (b) if so, the status of India's position on issues critical to the plurilateral negotiations on electronic commerce ongoing at the World Trade Organization, especially the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions?

### **Storage capacity for foodgrains**

2787 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

**Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foodgrains procured by Government from each State and the price paid to the farmers for each item, during the last six months;
- (b) whether FCI has sufficient storage capacity to store the foodgrains procured every year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to increase the storage capacity in each State, particularly in the States where there is maximum production of crops?

### **Rise in prices of essential commodities**

2788 **Shri Vaiko:**

**Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

**Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to constitute an Expert Committee to study and analyse the reasons for rising inflation, if so, by when such a Committee would be constituted;
- (b) if not, the steps taken to find out the reasons for inflationary trend in prices of essential commodities;
- (c) the steps taken to control inflation to help the common man; and
- (d) the monetary and other measures taken to control the prices of essential commodities, the details thereof?

### Implementation of One Nation One Ration Card Scheme

2789 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

**Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

**Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been implementing "One Nation One Ration Card" Policy in the country, if so, progress made thereon and estimated date of rollout of this scheme along with details of funds allocated in current financial year and number of beneficiaries enrolled so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether crores of eligible disabled persons are still not enrolled under National Food Security Act 2013, even after sending several reminders to States, if so, details thereof along with action taken to include them under NFSA; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to introduce universal system for enrollment of eligible persons under NFSA?

### Exorbitant rates charged by jewellers

2790 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the jewellers are charging exorbitant rates for making and wastage charges on gold jewellery;

(b) if so, whether Government has any proposal to streamline the jewellery business;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would make it mandatory to keep quality check meters at jewellery shops; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Sufficiency of paddy procurement centers

2791 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any drive in recent years to ascertain the sufficiency of Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) across the country, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Procurement of sugarcane

2792 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a delay in procuring sugarcane from farmers in the country;

(b) if not, the quantum of sugarcane procured from farmers so far and the quantum of sugarcane procured last year, State-wise;

(c) whether the payment to farmers for procurement of sugarcane is due, if so, since when, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make timely payment to farmers for sugarcane procurement, the details thereof?

### **Wastage of foodgrains**

**2793 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current godown/storage capacity of Food Corporation of India (FCI) across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether a recent study has revealed that foodgrain production in the country is increasing, but a large chunk of foodgrains are getting wasted every year, if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by Government to prevent wastage of foodgrains, preserve foodgrains and increase the storage capacity of foodgrains in various States of the country, including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) whether FCI has stored foodgrains in rented godowns also and if so, the annual amount being spent thereon?

### **Implementation of One Nation One Ration Card scheme**

**2794 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has provided free ration to the migrants under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken for implementation of "One Nation One Ration Card" scheme across all the States in the country; and
- (d) the status of implementation of "One Nation One Ration Card" scheme in Rajasthan, along with the number of persons who have benefited under PMGKAY in the State of Rajasthan?

### **Efficiency of PDS**

**2795 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Public Distribution System (PDS) is reaching the people sufficiently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, especially during the last two years;
- (c) the people who have been benefited under BPL category in PDS, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken to improve the efficiency of PDS, especially in remote areas of the country?

### **Impact of NFSA on hunger alleviation**

**2796 Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of National Food Security Act (NFSA) on hunger alleviation since its inception;
- (b) if so, the details of quality foodgrains provided to rural and urban population during the

lockdown period;

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to distribute overflowing foodgrains in various godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the people under poverty line; and  
(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Commodities allocated to States under PDS**

**2797 Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the commodities allocated to States by the Central Government through Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last three years, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of households along with the number of beneficiaries who have received these commodities through PDS; and
- (c) the rates at which each household receives commodities through PDS along with the details of the commodities?

#### **Grievance redressal mechanism for e-consumers**

**2798 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to help small sellers, particularly from MSME sector, to sell their products online;
- (b) whether the Ministry has facilitated any discussions between small sellers and e-players like Amazon, Flipkart, Snapdeal, etc.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that e-commerce consumers have no redressal mechanism or grievance cell or officer to register their complaints; and
- (e) if so, the manner in which the new rules would help consumers to address their grievances?

#### **Rise in prices of essential commodities including edible oils**

**2799 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether prices of edible oils and essential commodities have increased drastically after COVID-19 lockdown period due to which consumers are forced to bear the brunt of inflation;
- (b) details of increase in prices of essential commodities and edible oils during last three years;
- (c) details of steps taken to control inflation along with steps taken to improve the production of edible oils;
- (d) whether unlimited storage of foodgrains is permitted by amending the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in 2020; and
- (e) if so, whether companies are hoarding edible oils due to which prices of the same are increasing?

### Benefits enjoyed by fish farmers

2800 **Shri Vaiko:**

Will the Minister of *Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers engaged in fisheries received any specific benefits under the Blue Revolution - Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has initiated any specific programme for helping fishermen, especially to procure boats, fishing nets, GPS machine etc., in the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the amount spent and the number of beneficiaries in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu, in the last three years?

### New laws on animal slaughtering

2801 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of *Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying* be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of new laws pertaining to animal slaughter that have been introduced in the last five years;
- (b) whether any survey/study has been conducted regarding the impact of such laws on the composition of the animal husbandry industry across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Benefits to milk producers from DIDF scheme

2802 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of *Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying* be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objective of the Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) scheme;
- (b) the number of villages in the country where the milk producers are likely to be benefitted from this scheme, particularly milk producers belonging to Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh; and
- (c) the percentage of interest subvention or subsidy on loans extended to dairy sector by Government?

### Steps taken under NPDD

2803 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

Will the Minister of *Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying* be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry under the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD);
- (b) the number of bulk milk coolers and milk testing centers established under the programme; and
- (c) the State-wise details thereof and the details of progress made under the programme?

### Losses suffered by subsidiaries of NDDB

2804 **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

Will the Minister of *Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some subsidiaries of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) have been

suffering losses since many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such huge losses suffered by subsidiaries of NDDB;

(d) whether the Central Government proposes to take any corrective steps to check such losses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Gaushalas**

2805 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gaushalas under Government control across the country, particularly in Bundelkhand region of Kanpur division in Uttar Pradesh, and the number of cows kept there during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of cows have died prematurely due to lack of fodder and water in these gaushalas; and

(c) the details of the deaths of cows in Government gaushalas in the country during the last three years?

### **Including fishermen under PM-KISAN scheme**

2806 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to include fishermen under PM-KISAN scheme, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, the criterion by which fishermen would be eligible to receive the benefits of PM-KISAN scheme, if eligibility is de-linked from land ownership for fishermen, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the State/UT-wise details of funds to be allocated, released and utilised for the said purpose under the scheme during each year and whether unutilised funds would go towards the benefit of fishermen; and

(d) if so, the benefits to be extended to fishermen under the said scheme, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Development of fishing harbours**

2807 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures or intends to develop fishing harbours in Kerala under Sagarmala project;

(b) if so, whether Government of Kerala has submitted any proposals in this regard;

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

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

### **Impact of COVID-19 and rising diesel prices on dairy industry**

2808 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dairy export of the country which is hit by COVID-19 pandemic

is still showing no signs of recovery, if so, the steps being taken by Government to promote export of dairy products; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that rising diesel price has adversely affected the dairy industry, if so, the measures taken by Government to protect the dairy industry from the negative impact of rising diesel price?

#### **Fisheries sector in Karnataka**

**2809 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that in spite of having just a little above 300 kms of coast line, Government of Karnataka is pushing hard to harvest fish and other aquaculture resources through fishermen of Karnataka;

(b) whether a request is received in the Ministry to construct a fishing harbor at Uppundamandikal in Kundapur taluk of Udupi district; and

(c) if so, the details of the request and the status of the same?

#### **Annual fish production and consumption**

**2810 Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:**

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of fish products produced and consumed in the country annually;

(b) the details of fish production in the country during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) the total fish exported annually and the foreign exchange earned; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to promote fish production, preservation and export of fish and fish products?

#### **Monitoring of processed food companies**

**2811 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is monitoring the turnover, quality, production, sourcing of materials and marketing of various small packed food products of local brands like noodles, Kurkure, chatpata, Wafers etc which are openly sold in market;

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

(c) whether the manufacturers of processed foods are approved by and their data centrally maintained in the Ministry;

(d) if so, the details of the growth of the turnover of these companies during each of the last three years; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Food processing in rural Uttar Pradesh**

**2812 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any long term scheme for processing of agro-products in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh (UP); and

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

### PMKSY in Uttar Pradesh

2813 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

**Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated/granted/released to Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) during the last five years;
- (b) the details of funds released to Uttar Pradesh under the above scheme during the said period;
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released;
- (d) whether the funds released are sufficient to achieve the desired objectives; and
- (e) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

### Implementation under PMFME

2814 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

**Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups and Producers Cooperatives have benefitted under the Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME), the State-wise data;
- (b) how many existing micro food processing enterprises have been provided with financial, technical and business support for upgradation under the scheme, the details regarding the support provided, State-wise;
- (c) the capacity building measures undertaken till now to impart skill training, technical knowledge on food safety, standards and hygiene and to improve quality under the scheme; and
- (d) the amount of allotted funds utilized under the scheme, State-wise?

### Setting up FPI in Bihar

2815 # **Shri Ahmad Ashfaque Karim:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to set up a food processing industry in the State of Bihar as Bihar happens to be a backward State in industrial sector; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Schemes under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package

2816 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has introduced any major schemes/policies/steps to promote FPIs under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, the status of the policies and schemes implemented by the Ministry to promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package; and
- (c) the major stakeholders who have benefited from such schemes, the details thereof?

### Mega Food Park in Andhra Pradesh

2817 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Mega Food Park was proposed in 2015 with Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV);
- (b) the constraints faced by the Ministry in completing this project;
- (c) the proposed capacity of the above park once it becomes operational and details of direct and indirect employment opportunities that are likely to be created; and
- (d) how the Ministry helps in export of food processing items from Mega Food Parks?

#### **Implementation of SVAMITVA scheme**

2818 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Panchayati Raj*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made under SVAMITVA scheme and the record of rights being given to property owners in villages up till now, State-wise; and
- (b) the plan worked out so far to cover all the villages in future?

#### **Elected representatives in Panchayats**

2819 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of ***Panchayati Raj*** be pleased to state:

- (a) as Panchayati Raj system strengthens grassroot democracy, the total number of elected Panchas/Sarpanchas/Pradhans (Mukhiyas) in the country and their State-wide distribution;
- (b) how many of them are female;
- (c) the percentage of elected representatives between 21 to 39 years of age;
- (d) how many of them are above 70 years;
- (e) how many Panchayats in the country have no Panchayat building; and
- (f) the number of tribal elected representatives?

#### **Districts covered by BRGF in Jharkhand**

2820 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

Will the Minister of ***Panchayati Raj*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the districts covered by Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in Jharkhand;
- (b) the details of funds allocated to Jharkhand under BRGF during the last three years, including the current year;
- (c) whether there is a provision for district-wise allocation of funds under BRGF;
- (d) whether any district-wise scheme has also been prepared for proper utilization of these funds;
- (e) whether the local public representatives have been included in the Monitoring Committee constituted for the monitoring of works done under BRGF; and
- (f) the other measures adopted for the monitoring and proper utilization of funds allocated under BRGF?

#### **Progress of schemes in Uttar Pradesh**

2821 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of ***Panchayati Raj*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes started by the Ministry in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years and the progress made therein;
- (b) the district-wise funds allocated/released to the State during the last five years;
- (c) whether funds have been utilized completely in the State;

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

### Merging of all schemes

2822 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working on a new action plan related to rural development through Panchayati Raj in the country;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether the Central Government proposes to entrust all the said schemes to the Panchayats after merging all schemes into one scheme in order to ensure their better implementation;  
 (d) if so, the details thereof;  
 (e) whether any proposal regarding further strengthening of Panchayati Raj system sent by some State Governments is pending with the Central Government; and  
 (f) if so, the details and the action taken by the Central Government thereon?

### eGram Swaraj

2823 # **Dr. Anil Jain:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued any Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding eGram Swaraj;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether it is a fact that through decentralized planning, progress reporting and work-based accounting, better transparency and strengthening would be brought in e-Governance of Panchayati Raj Institutions under eGram Swaraj in the country; and  
 (d) whether it could be ensured that provided funds to Panchayats would not be misused and transparency would be maintained in the use of funds?

### Salient features of SVAMITVA scheme

2824 # **Dr. Anil Jain:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of SVAMITVA scheme;  
 (b) whether this scheme would help to streamline planning and collection of revenue, ensuring clarity on property rights and in resolving property disputes in rural areas;  
 (c) if so, the details thereof;  
 (d) whether there is any plan to map rural abadi areas using latest surveying technology using drones under SVAMITVA scheme, if so, the details thereof; and  
 (e) by when the final shape would be given to the system of streamlining planning and collection of revenue in rural areas under the SVAMITVA scheme and the details of estimated cost therefor?

### Schemes for providing infrastructure facilities to Panchayats in Maharashtra

2825 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing various schemes to provide adequate infrastructure facilities to Panchayats in Maharashtra;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide computers with network connectivity in all districts of Maharashtra for adequate functioning of Panchayats;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to digitize district and village Panchayats for greater devolution of powers to Panchayats?

### **Complaints and help requests received on helpline numbers**

**2826 Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of complaints and help requests received through various helpline numbers, year-wise in the last five years;
- (b) the average response time, in case of emergency request, from a moving train; and
- (c) the details of how has it improved over a period of five years?

### **Kadapa-Madagatta new railway line**

**2827 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) when has Railways taken up Kadapa-Madagatta new line in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of MoU entered into between Railways and Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh is sharing 50 per cent of the cost of this 210 kms line;
- (d) the reasons for the delay, in spite of the State sharing 50 per cent of the cost; and
- (e) the present status of the construction and by when it is likely to be completed?

### **New railway projects for Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat**

**2828 Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the new railway projects sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat in the last three years;
- (b) the details of these projects, estimated costs, status of implementation and the schedule of completion;
- (c) whether Railways mull any plan to connect Gujarat (Dwarka and/or Somnath) and Andhra Pradesh (Tirupati Balaji) by rail to promote pilgrimage tourism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Targets set and achieved from earnings**

**2829 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of targets set and achieved regarding earnings from freight and passenger segments during the financial year 2019-20, month-wise;
- (b) whether these targets were achieved during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the extent by which these targets fell short along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Railways in this regard?

### Sabari Rail

2830 **Shri K.J. Alphans:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Sabari Rail;
- (b) whether Government of Kerala has agreed to contribute part of the project cost;
- (c) has the alignment been finalised; and
- (d) the percentage of land that has been acquired?

### Railway land under litigation

2831 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land in possession of Indian Railways;
- (b) the zonal distribution thereof;
- (c) how much of Railways land is under litigation and the main reasons for that;
- (d) how much land has been illegally possessed (encroached) by outsiders;
- (e) how much landed property has been monetised by Railways; and
- (f) how much it has earned by monetisation of its landed property in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20?

### Construction of broad gauge line upto Sarayagarh

2832 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the construction of broad gauge line upto Sarayagarh via Sakri-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali was started in the year 2004;
- (b) the reasons for its slow pace;
- (c) the reasons for non-completion of the said railway line which has been under construction for about sixteen years; and
- (d) whether Government is taking cognisance of the helplessness of the public, if so, the timeline by which the said work of the broad gauge line would be completed?

### Waltair Division under newly created SCoR Zone

2833 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any decision on the demand to continue the Waltair Division under the newly created Zone of South Coast Railway, headquartered at Visakhapatnam;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Benefits of Kisan Rail to farmers

2834 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the bottlenecks which exist and which need to be addressed as soon as possible, thereby enabling each and every marginal farmer to access the benefits of Kisan Rail; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken particularly to reduce the lengthy exercise to be undergone

by farmers if they want their produces to be transported through Kisan Rail?

#### **Construction of third line from Barabanki to Gorakhpur**

2835 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is heavy traffic pressure on the double line from Lucknow to Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh which causes inconvenience to passengers;
- (b) whether Government proposes to construct third line from Barabanki to Gorakhpur, along the lines of ongoing construction of third line on the Burhwal-Gonda and Domingarh-Kusmhi section;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and whether the punctuality of trains would be improved as expected as a result of construction of third line from Barabanki to Gorakhpur; and
- (d) if not, whether construction of this new line could be considered in future?

#### **Exorbitant rise in passenger fares**

2836 **Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an exorbitant rise in the passenger fares in the name of special trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to rollback the increased passenger fare; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Construction of terminal at Hardinge Park for MEMU trains**

2837 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of the excessive burden of trains at Patna Junction, Railways have decided to construct terminal on the land at Hardinge Park for MEMU trains;
- (b) whether the construction work of the terminal has not been started so far ever after Bihar Government giving the plot at Hardinge Park to Railways; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

#### **Survey for new rail link between Raxaul and Kathmandu**

2838 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the initial survey for the new railway line between Raxaul (Bihar) and Kathmandu (135 km) at the cost of ₹16,721.4 crore has been completed in the year 2018; and
- (b) if so, the details of the progress thereof and the timeline by which the said work would begin?

#### **Loss of revenue due to agitations along rail tracks**

2839 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons Railways, in 2020, lost the highest ever revenue in the last five years due to various agitations and strikes;

- (b) whether there has been any particular reason identified by Government for increase in strikes and agitations along rail tracks;
- (c) how many of these agitations were by people protesting lack of jobs; and
- (d) how many people suffered injuries or accidents while protesting along rail tracks in 2020?

#### **Allocation and release of funds for railway projects**

2840 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated/released for ongoing railway projects during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of railway projects completed/under completion during the last three years?

#### **Passenger deaths in special Shramik trains**

2841 **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data of the total number of passenger deaths while travelling in special Shramik trains;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the cause of their death; and
- (c) whether Government plans to take steps to compensate the dependants of their loss?

#### **Redevelopment of Rewa, Satna and Shahdol railway stations**

2842 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

whether Railways have any plan to redevelop Rewa, Satna and Shahdol railway stations as multi-functional and equipped with latest amenities?

#### **Email to citizens by IRCTC**

2843 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

**Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

**Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

**Shri Rajmani Patel:**

**Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

**Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) sent out emails to citizens of the country in December 2020 with a PDF attachment of a document entitled 'PM Modi and his Government's special relationship with Sikhs';
- (b) if so, the reasons for conducting this exercise;
- (c) if so, the reasons for this subject matter to be chosen by IRCTC, whereas its responsibilities are concerned with catering, tourism and online ticketing operations of Railways; and
- (d) if so, the reasons the matter of the emails covered the Sikh community in particular and not any other community in the country?

### Utilization of isolation coaches

2844 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that isolation coaches with necessary facilities had been constructed by Railways on a large scale during the Covid period;
- (b) the State-wise details of the funds spent in the manufacturing of these isolation coaches, the available facilities, places where these were located and their usage;
- (c) whether Railways have made any action plan for utilizing these isolation coaches in future, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government would consider the possibility of running these coaches as 'Hospital on wheels'?

### Achievements of Railways inspite of COVID pandemic

2845 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements attained by Indian Railways in the field of infrastructure development, adoption of new technology and rail operation system during the financial year 2020-21 despite the COVID pandemic, the details thereof;
- (b) the benefits likely to accrue in future on account of construction works, technology adoption, reforms and innovations undertaken during this period, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the possible long term effects on passenger facilities, freight and rail revenue on account of construction, reforms and innovative steps undertaken during this period?

### Bio-toilets in railway coaches

2846 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that mechanical engineers of Southern Railway have come up with a small modification in bio-toilets fitted in railway coaches which could save one crore kiloliters of water every year;
- (b) if so, the details of modifications and whether any consultations have been held in this regard with the Southern Railway; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Restarting of train services from Etah to Agra

2847 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether superfast/fast speed passenger train was started from Etah district headquarter of Uttar Pradesh to Agra during last years;
- (b) if so, the reasons the said train was again discontinued, ignoring public interest;
- (c) whether the Ministry would consider starting this superfast/fast passenger train again which connects Etah headquarter to Agra; and
- (d) if so, by when?

### Export of millets

2848 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of quantity and price value of millets exported from the country during the last three years and the current financial year;
- (b) whether Government proposes to prepare a plan involving new areas/countries in consultation with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to give a boost to the export of millets from the country, if so, the details thereof?

### Funds for the development of Tirur railway station

2849 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Railways had sanctioned any special fund for the development of Tirur railway station in 2009 under the then Minister of State for Railways;
- (b) if so, the details of the fund that has been allocated and utilized for the development of Tirur railway station;
- (c) if not, the reasons for the delay in allocating funds;
- (d) the amount of funds that has been spent for the development of Tirur railway station in the last five years; and
- (e) the details of the funds utilized for the same?

### Development of infrastructure to achieve objectives of AatmaNirbhar Bharat

2850 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Railways is committed to developing infrastructure to achieve the objectives of AatmaNirbhar Bharat to serve the country better till 2050;
- (b) if so, the broad features thereof;
- (c) whether Indian Railways had prepared 'Indian Railways Vision for AatmaNirbhar Bharat' and now it plans to introduce 'Vision 2030'; and
- (d) how far the two documents are different from each other and by when the results are likely to be visible on ground?

### Rolling out of first AC three tier economy class coach

2851 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**

**Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Railways have rolled out its first AC three-tier economy class coach recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its main features;
- (c) whether the facility to be provided in these economy class coaches would be at par with other AC three tier class coaches and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether this economy class would be introduced in all routes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by Government to provide more comfort to train passengers by developing world class infrastructure?

### **Linen supply to passengers**

2852 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

**Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has withdrawn linen supply to the passengers in trains due to pandemic;
- (b) if so, the remedial steps taken to meet the requirements of the passengers;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that passengers are allowed to carry and use their own linen in trains and whether this has caused spread of Coronavirus in trains; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to resume linen supply by the Laundry Boot operators in the near future?

### **Refund of cancelled tickets**

2853 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether failure of Railways to inform passengers about ticket cancellation would amount to deficiency in service; and
- (b) if so, the details of tickets booked, cancelled and the refund during the last two years?

### **Extension of railway track from Baihata Chariali to Tezpur**

2854 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any action for extension of new railway track connecting Baihata Chariali via Mangaldoi to Tezpur in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the schedule for completion of the new railway track?

### **New rail line from Bangriposi to Gorumahisani**

2855 **Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received requests from the public representatives for laying of new rail line between Bangriposi to Gorumahisani and Badampahar to Keonjhar in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any action in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the current status in this regard?

### **Proposals to increase SHGs**

2856 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal to increase the number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the States and if so, the details and the response thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to lower the interest rate on the advances given to these groups and keep it at par with the interest rates charged on crop loans and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government reviews the fund for SHGs from time to time and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to strengthen the SHGs?

#### **Beneficiaries under DDU-GKY**

2857 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of STs who benefitted under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) in the year 2020-21;
- (b) whether the Central Government is planning to extend more funds for the betterment of STs in Assam under the said scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is a mechanism to reduce high dropout rates under DDU-GKY; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Roads completed under PMGSY**

2858 **Shri K.J. Alphans:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of rural roads completed under PMGSY during the last five years;
- (b) the length of PMGSY roads completed from 2009-2014; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure better quality of roads?

#### **Rural development in Rajasthan**

2859 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes/projects being run for economic-rural development and infrastructure in Rajasthan by Government;
- (b) the total amount spent so far on these schemes;
- (c) the details of satisfactory results achieved from the rural development programme; and
- (d) whether Government is considering to have a special programme for rural development, keeping in view the needs of the local people of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Provision of employment to family whose land is taken for industry**

2860 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision to give employment to the family of the artisans whose land is taken for any industry;
- (b) if so, in the UltraTech Cement Factory Satna and Maihar Cement Factory Satna, the tenants whose land was taken and which two workers were given jobs in the company; and
- (c) the information including the name and address of each?

#### **PMGSY in Chhattisgarh**

2861 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of routes approved under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the Balrampur-Ramanujan districts in Chhattisgarh during the last three years, the details regarding names, length and cost of these routes;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that the construction work of sanctioned

routes is of very poor quality due to which the bridges and roads on these routes have been damaged;

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

(d) the effective steps being taken by Government to stop the construction of such substandard roads?

### **PMAY-G in Rajasthan**

**2862 Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data with regard to the houses constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in the last five years, if so, the district-wise details for the State of Rajasthan;

(b) how many applications are pending with Government under PMAY-G, the district-wise details for the State of Rajasthan and the action taken by Government for early sanctioning of houses; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to cover those families in the scheme who are eligible for PMAY-G but not listed in 2011 census, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **PMAY-G in Rajasthan**

**2863 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last three years;

(b) the number of houses allotted under PMAY-G in Dausa, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli and Alwar districts of Rajasthan along with the status of their construction work;

(c) the number of houses allotted under PMAY-G in Bandikui block of Dausa district in Rajasthan, the Gram Panchayat-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether any complaint has been received about irregularity in the allotment of houses under PMAY-G in Dausa district, if so, the details thereof?

### **Achievement under PMAY-G**

**2864 # Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) is well on track with an objective of providing pucca house to every one by the year 2022;

(b) the district-wise details of beneficiaries identified in Rajasthan under this scheme; and

(c) the district-wise details of targets set and achievements made in respect of above mentioned scheme?

### **Decline in demand for jobs under MGNREGA**

**2865 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any decline in demand for jobs under the MGNREGA over the last three months;

(b) if not, the reason the allocation for MGNREGA was slashed by 34.5 per cent as compared to the Revised Estimate for 2020-21; and

(c) the alternate plans for providing employment to the people in rural areas available with Government, despite reducing the allocation for MGNREGA?

#### **Pucca houses to rural homeless poor**

2866 **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the targets of the Central Government under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) to provide pucca house to every homeless poor in rural areas during 2020-21 could not be achieved during COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to boost the construction of houses for rural poor and to achieve the targets during 2021-22; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Houses given to SCs/STs under PMAY-G**

2867 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of houses given to the SCs/STs in the year 2020-21 under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G); and
- (b) the State-wise total number of houses allowed to the SCs/STs in the year 2020-21?

#### **Houses sanctioned under PMAY-G**

2868 **Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of houses sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the allocation of the total number of houses and budget sanctioned and amount released for the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the total number of houses completed and allotted to beneficiaries during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Objectives of STRIVE project**

2869 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of the Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) project being implemented by Government;
- (b) the States in which this project is being carried out; and
- (c) whether funds have been allotted to all the States where this project is being implemented, if so, the details of the amount given and dues to each States, if not, by when it would be done?

#### **Features of STRIVE programme**

2870 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) the detailed features the Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) programme;
- (b) the details of progress made under the same;

- (c) the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the measures being taken in this regard in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (e) the proposed measures to be taken in this regard?

#### **PMKVY in Rajasthan**

2871 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people who have been trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated to the State of Rajasthan under the said scheme during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the number of people who have received training and employment under the said scheme; and
- (d) whether any study or analysis has been done keeping in mind the training being imparted in the said scheme and the needs of the people of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Unemployed youth trained for skill development**

2872 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unemployed youth trained for skill development under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);
- (b) the number of Kaushal Vikas Kendras running in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (c) the type of technical skill development facilities available to the youth;
- (d) whether any job opportunities are being provided to these trainees after the training; and
- (e) whether there is a demand for more such Kendras in various district and if so, the response of Government thereto?

#### **Training of SC/ST candidates**

2873 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data with regard to the SC and ST candidates who got trained through PMKVY, Jan Shikshan Sansthan and Short Term Training (STT) courses for skill development under Skill India Mission, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reason therefor;
- (b) whether Government has fixed any target for compulsory enrolment of SC and ST students under Skill India Mission, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the target is accomplished so far, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Efforts made through Kaushal Vikas training camps**

2874 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government in respect of Kaushal Vikas training camps organised

- under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in the country during the last one year;
- (b) the number of candidates who got benefit under the scheme and the number of candidates who have been/are being given skill training, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh during this period; and
- (c) the effective steps taken by Government to create job avenues in the country for this skilled workforce?

#### **Programme to aid women entrepreneurs**

**2875 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a mentorship and networking programme to aid women entrepreneurs and if so, details and number of beneficiaries under such programme and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether there are any women specific digital and technical training/skilling programmes, if so, details and number of beneficiaries under such program and if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are any women specific incubation programmes and if so, details and number of beneficiaries under such programme and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) the State/UT-wise number of collective and individual women's enterprises and steps taken to make them financially viable and independent?

#### **Communication mechanism to create awareness**

**2876 # Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to bring in any communication mechanism to be adopted at various levels to create awareness about need for skill development at local, State, district and village levels;
- (b) whether Government is considering to adopt State Skill Development Mission (SSDM) to organize advertisement campaigns in local language through electronic and print media;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken at school level to create awareness about vocational education, apprenticeship, etc., if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has entered into any partnership with international agencies for vocational training opportunities and if so, details thereof?

#### **Two-year fellowship program**

**2877 Shri Ashwini Vaishnav:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has launched a two year Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Certificate Programme in Public Policy and Management in collaboration with nine Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the aim of the Ministry in launching this programme and how many fellowships will be awarded ; and
- (d) the post certification avenues available to the fellows and whether Government plans to induct them as professional interns/consultants within the State/district level organisational setup?

**Impact of skill development courses****2878 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:**Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to assess the impact of skill development courses on the employability of people and the difference skill development has made to the people who got skilled, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any scheme through which people without any formal education but with skills in various fields are provided with skill certificates after proper assessment;
- (c) the total number of skill development centres in the country; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Central Government to further popularise the skill development programmes?

**Jobs through skill development schemes****2879 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of youngsters that got jobs through the schemes run by the Ministry;
- (b) whether the Ministry has a facility for providing jobs geographical and sector-wise; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Evidence of growth in entrepreneurship****2880 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the evidence that shows there has been growth in entrepreneurship in India;
- (b) the challenges faced in developing entrepreneurship in India; and
- (c) the reasons for high levels of unemployment persisting despite efforts to improve entrepreneurship in India?

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