

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, March 24, 2017/Chaitra 3, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers;
Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;
Electronics and Information Technology; Food Processing
Industries; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs;
Railways; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 15

Covering loanee farmers under PMFBY

*241. SHRI PARTAP SINGH
BAJWA: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for
Cooperative Banks to bring loanee farmers
under the ambit of Pradhan Mantri Fasal
Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) if so, the number of cases wherein
eligible loanee farmers were not covered
by the Cooperative Banks, State-wise,
post-demonetization till date; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to
compensate the farmers for their losses
during this period?

Release of amount to Chhattisgarh under SHM

†*242. DR. BHUSHAN LAL
JANGDE: Will the Minister of

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh has not
received the amount from Central share for
the year 2015-16 under Soil Health
Management (SHM), if so, whether the
amount will be released without delay; and

(b) whether there is a proposal of
making the laboratory operational at Indira
Gandhi Agricultural University in
Chhattisgarh as referral soil testing
laboratory, if so, by when approval for the
same will be accorded?

Flexi pricing in trains

*243. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's experiment
with flexi/surge pricing for a few trains earlier
has resulted in a loss of bookings, if so, the
details thereof;

(b) the details of the trains in which this
surge pricing has been implemented and the

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revenue generated through ticket sales in these trains over the past six months, month-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to extend this surge pricing for more trains in the coming days, if so, the details thereof?

Use of solar water pumps for irrigation

*244. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that energy-efficient and cheap solar water pumps are being put to use for irrigation purposes in some parts of the world very successfully;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to promote and popularize solar water pumps in the country as well; and

(c) if so, whether any plan has been chalked out for the same, if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of forensic laboratory for animals in Gujarat

†*245. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the locations where forensic laboratories have been established in the country for the postmortem investigations of domestic milch cattle like cows, buffaloes, camels, goats, etc., dying due to fodder poisoning, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a forensic laboratory for animals in Gujarat;

(c) if not, whether Government intends to establish such a laboratory in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fall in prices of pulses below MSP

*246. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fall in prices of pulses below the Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(b) if so, the details and the reasons for not relaxing the ban on export of pulses so that farmers can export them and at least get the MSP;

(c) whether it has also come to the notice of the Ministry that Government of Karnataka has announced ₹ 450 as bonus on tur dal to protect farmers; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not following the same and protect the farmers?

Selling of water bottles above MRP

*247. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the sale of water bottles at a price much above the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) in shopping malls and at airports;

(b) if so, the steps taken for price control of essential item like water in shopping malls and at airports; and

(c) whether Government would consider to bring legislation or to amend the existing laws to penalize the shop owners for selling products over and above the MRP, if so, the details thereof?

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Migration of farmers to cities

†*248. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are migrating to cities in search of other alternatives due to continuous loss making in farming;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the policies of liberalisation are destroying the agriculture sector; and

(c) whether the migration can be stopped after establishing anti-migration task force and agriculture can be made a remunerative profession, if so, the details thereof?

Targets set for land development and modernisation of facilities under Railways

*249. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways could not achieve several targets set over the past two years towards development of railway land and modernisation of facilities in Railways despite having enough funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for the slow progress against the targets set for the doubling, electrification and maintenance of railway tracks in the country; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Railways for improving the railway infrastructure speedily?

National Policy on Fishery

*250. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any National Policy on Fishery, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government for the welfare of fishermen and for enhancing fish production in the country; and

(c) the initiatives taken by Government in the last two years to ensure that climate change does not affect fish production adversely?

Facility of cold storages of moderate size at village level

*251. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been a bumper yield of potato, onion, carrot, tomatoes, etc., and farmers are forced to sell them in Mandis at throw away prices because of their perishable nature;

(b) whether Government proposes to come out with Minimum Support Price and procurement policy for perishable produce also to avoid miseries to farmers; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to create a network of cold storages of moderate size for storage of agro and horticulture produces to increase their shelf-life at village and town levels throughout the country?

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Supply of fertilizers in backward, remote and hilly areas

*252. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the production and consumption of urea in the country at present;

(b) the gap between demand and supply of urea along with the targets of production fixed for the next three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government to eliminate the shortage and irregularities in supply of urea; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure regular supply of fertilizers in backward, remote and hilly areas of the country?

Welfare schemes for families of farmers who committed suicide

*253. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many welfare schemes are being introduced by the Government for the family members of those farmers who have committed suicide during the last two years due to their crop loss;

(b) whether Government is planning to introduce some more schemes for such families; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Misuse of social media to spread hate campaign

*254. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that social media is increasingly used to hurt religious sentiments and create communal polarisation in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified such accounts spreading the hate campaign; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against such people and accounts, if so, the details thereof?

Use of MIS for data updation of projects under RKVY

*255. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether States are using Management Information System (MIS) for real-time data updation of implementation of projects under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY); and

(b) if not, the details of the existing monitoring system being used and whether it is as comprehensive as the MIS, the details thereof?

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