

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, March 9, 2018/Phalguna 18, 1939 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Railways' plan for funding upcoming projects

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

(a) the plan being formulated by Railways to fund its upcoming projects;

(b) whether any timeline has been fixed for complete financing of Railways;

(c) whether Railways have been successful to manage any funds in this regard, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to take help from the World Bank for the same; and

(e) if so, the manner in which Government proposes to do so and the outline thereof?

Construction of ROBs at railway crossings

†*152. SHRI RAM NATH

THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government, in view of several recent train accidents, has decided to build Road Over Bridges (ROBs) across railway crossings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a decision to start construction of ROBs at (i) Western Gumti of Karpurigram on Muzaffarpur-Samastipur rail section, (ii) railway crossing in Muktapur on Darbhanga-Samastipur rail section and (iii) southern railway crossing in Darbhanga has been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Divesting of Government equity by IFFCO and KRIBHCO

*153. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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equity has not been divested legally by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO);

(b) if so, the details thereof, individual entity-wise; and

(c) the status of action taken along with the details of action proposed by Government in the matter?

Doubling the income of farmers

*154. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee, set up in April, 2016, on doubling farmers' incomes, has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the salient recommendations thereof and the action taken by Government on each recommendation; and

(c) if not, whether a deadline has been set for the Committee to submit its report?

FIR in Aadhaar details leak case

*155. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question no. 5 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2 February, 2018 and state:

(a) whether Government is aware that specific names of journalists and newspapers have been mentioned twice at page No. 2 in FIR No. 09/2018 dated 5 January, 2018;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing this information in the reply to the above said question;

(c) the basis on which the Ministry has

stated that FIR has been filed against unknown persons;

(d) whether Government proposes to withdraw the FIR against journalists and newspapers and bring the real culprits for Aadhaar details leak to justice; and

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

BharatNet project

*156. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed BharatNet project in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether State Governments have given their consent for implementation of the project and requested for Central funding for the project, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has considered the request of Government of Telangana in this regard along with the details thereof?

Compensation to farmers under Crop Insurance Scheme

†*157. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any amount from the farmers as premium for crop insurance;

(b) if so, the total amount received under this head from April, 2014 to January, 2018 along with the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether compensation has been paid to farmers out of this deposited insurance

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amount, if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) the head under which remaining amount is being used along with the details thereof?

Making Agriculture sector profitable

*158. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to enhance production of agricultural produces in order to make the Agriculture sector profitable in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has set any targets to enhance productivity of agricultural produces; and

(d) if so, the targets set for enhancing productivity of wheat, rice, coarse grains, pulses, oilseeds, sugarcane and cotton?

Appointment of women Judges in FTCs

*159. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fast Track Courts (FTCs) have been set up in some States in which women Judges have also been appointed to hear the cases related to crimes and harassment against women on fast-track basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of women Judges in various Courts, State-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government would ensure that the remaining States also

set up such FTCs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disbursement of loan to farmers

*160. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loan disbursed to the farmers in the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details regarding repayment of these loans along with the rate of interest and deaths by farmers in the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government has created a separate head to collect funds generated from Krishi Kalyan Cess (KKC), if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total funds collected till date, since commencement of this Cess along with the utilisation details thereof?

Overcharging by hospitals on drugs, diagnosis etc.

*161. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the Government's notice that the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has found that private hospitals are inflating medical bills and earn profits up to 1737 per cent on drugs, consumables and diagnosis;

(b) whether drug manufacturers have been producing "new drugs" and "fixed drug combinations" in order to ignore price controls with 10 per cent annual price hike

on these new drugs, as reported by NPPA; and

(c) whether the scheduled drug formulations also saw a mark-up by the hospitals between 116 and 357 per cent against the permitted mark-up of 16 per cent?

Reduction in processing fee for Mobile Number Portability

*162. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has proposed reduction for processing Mobile Number Portability (MNP) charge from ₹ 19/- to ₹ 4/-, as charge being levied is quite high as compared to the cost and volumes of transactions involved;

(b) whether the number of porting requests jumped from 6.4 million during 2010-11 to 36.8 million in 2014-15, which further rose to 63.6 million during 2016-17;

(c) whether the MNP has helped in increasing the mobile density in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Lok Adalats

*163. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with an

average disposal of 50 lakh cases annually, Lok Adalats are playing an important role in disposing of pending cases in the country;

(b) if so, the constraints that the Ministry has to make Lok Adalats as regular courts instead of asking them to sit for two months in a year;

(c) whether there are any plans to hold morning and evening courts by using the existing infrastructure for Lok Adalats and regular courts to bring down the cases which stand at a staggering figure of 3.15 crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Purchase of subsidized fertilizers using Aadhaar number

*164. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed authorised employees of any registered companies and partnership firms engaged in plantation work to purchase subsidized fertilizers by using his or her Aadhaar number;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to Plantation sector, this might not benefit the plantations as they can not take GST input credit on fertilizer if an employee purchases it in his or her name; and

(c) if so, the modalities being worked out by Government in this regard?

Fast Track Courts in Odisha

*165. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) established in the State of Odisha;

(b) whether adequate funds have been

allotted for them to remain operative;

(c) the number of FTCs, out of them, that have stopped functioning and the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government proposes to make the FTCs operational once again?

NEW DELHI;
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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