

## **QUESTIONS FOR LOK SABHA (BUDGET SESSION 2021-22)**

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### **Ministry of External Affairs**

#### **International Trade via Wagah Border**

Will the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Which terms of the trade agreement allows India and Pakistan to conduct free trade via Wagah Border;
- (b) What items are allowed to be traded under free trade between India and Pakistan through Wagah Border;
- (c) Whether Afghanistan is receiving incentives from India since Pakistan allowed the former to conduct trade via Wagah Border?

### **Ministry of Home Affairs**

#### **Fencing of Farm Land**

Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the refixing of the fence nearer to the Zero Line, touching Kakkar village, Amritsar, has been done amidst the ongoing fencing dispute on farmlands;
- (b) If yes, please provide the details of the rectification of fencing nearer to Zero Line in terms of dimension;
- (c) If not, how is the fencing dispute on the farmland going to be resolved?

#### **Border Area Development Programme**

Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) In what manner have been the funds under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) been utilized for construction of Primary Healthcare units in the border area of Amritsar;
- (b) Whether healthcare workers have been appointed for readily assistance to patients in these primary healthcare units in border area of Amritsar;
- (c) If yes, kindly provide the details of the number of healthcare workers like doctors, nurses, sanitary workers, etc. employed in every Primary healthcare unit which is operational under the BADP?

## **Narcotics Trade**

Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Narcotic Controls Bureau has strengthened the Surveillance department at the Wagah Border to trap the illicit trade of narcotics hidden in spices and other goods which make drugs untraceable;
- (b) Whether new equipment have been provided to the surveillance forces at the border to identify the illicit trade of narcotics;
- (c) If yes, kindly provide the details of such equipment and the number of cases that have been identified using this equipment to judge their efficacy?

## **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare**

### **Farm Laws State Subject**

Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMER'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Under what provisions will the Central government overlook State Laws on Farming since farm laws are a state subject under Schedule VII;
- (b) If Central government finds farm laws expedient to public interest, what are the circumstances that led to this decision and rolling out of the Farm laws;
- (c) What are the measures that Central government will take if it finds procurement of farm produce below Minimum Support Price?

## **Ministry of Defence**

### **Construction of Bridges across River Ravi**

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the bridge constructed by BRO on river Ravi that connects Kasowal village in Punjab to rest of the country will be used for military transportation as well;
- (b) What is the cost of construction of the bridge constructed by BRO?

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) When will the drains and safety grills be repaired on defense bridges on the border that connect the mainland to the international border in Amritsar;
- (b) What will the modus operandi of widening the bridges in Amritsar along with installation of safety grills and drains to serve the dual purpose of draining excess rainwater and preventing infiltration?

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) How many projects have been provided with NOC dealing with construction of valuable infrastructure in the jurisdiction of defense forces;
- (b) How many projects have been completed as per record without objections in the vicinity of such defense premises?

### **Ministry of Civil Aviation**

#### **Issue regarding Baggage claim at the Airport**

Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the issue regarding delays in Baggage claim from Air India at the Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport (SGRDJI) has been reported to the airlines manager;
- (b) What are the reasons for recent faults in the baggage claim at the airport which is causing inconvenience to the passengers;
- (c) What steps are the airlines taking to find a remedy to this issue and improve the efficiency of the airline's service with respect to baggage claim?

### **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

#### **Insurance Scheme by Union Government for COVID-19**

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Pradhanmatri Garib Kalyan Package insurance scheme will cover health workers who can be exposed to side effects during the COVID-19 vaccination drive;
- (b) Whether tax credits are being provided to rural healthcare workers whose incomes are not at par with urban healthcare workers;
- (c) If not, what are the other measures being taken to help rural healthcare workers to sustain their livelihoods?

## **Ministry of Finance**

### **Issue regarding Moratorium Cess**

Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the moratorium over the payment of EMIs to commercial banks has been extended irrespective of income of an individual;
- (b) Whether commercial banks are charging a moratorium cess over payment of dues from their customers;
- (c) If yes, why is there no statement of disclosure by commercial banks to their customers over the application of moratorium cess?

## **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**

### **Blockade of Rural Development Fund to Punjab**

Will the MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) What are the reasons behind refusal to pay the Rural Development fund of Rs.1,850 crore/annum to Punjab;
- (b) How will 1,800 mandis and 70,000 km of rural link road in Punjab be maintained since the state is not receiving any rural development fund?

### **RDF Fee component in FCI Provisional Cost Sheet**

Will the MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a Rural Development Fund component can be added to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) cost sheet to allow cash withdrawal for food procurement by mandis?

## **Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises**

### **Status of PSUs in Punjab**

Will the MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) What is the status of disinvestment, winding up, substantially restructuring, and retention of PSUs in Punjab dealing with food grain procurement;

- (b) Will the Punjab Warehousing Corporation be retained since the farm bills aim to do away with the system of minimum support price (MSP) which existed prior to the introduction of the 3 farm bills?

### **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare**

#### **Prices of farm produce to maintain buffer stock during Lockdown**

Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMER'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Union government has purchased produce from farmers at the same price during lockdown to maintain the buffer stock;
- (b) What were the alterations made in prices at which farm produce was bought from farmers to store in buffer in every stage of lockdown in 2020?

### **Ministry of Railways**

#### **Stoppage of Inbound Trains into Punjab**

Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) What were the reasons behind blockade of trains carrying essential supplies into Punjab since October, 2020 amid tensions between the centre and state;
- (b) How will the ministry compensate for blockade of essential supplies to Punjab that caused hindrance to everyday life of common people?

### **Ministry of Coal**

#### **Shortage of Coal in Punjab**

Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) How will the Government of Punjab be compensated for the costs incurred to buy power from National Grid as blockade of inbound trains carrying essentials supplies like coal caused shortage of coal to power thermal plants in Punjab;
- (b) Whether the Union Ministry will take cognizance of the fact that blackouts in several regions of Punjab due to shortage of coal caused severe damages to livelihoods of rural inhabitants;
- (c) What are the measures taken by the ministry to prevent the stoppage of essential supplies of Coal in future amidst disagreements between centre and state?