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Personal Note to the Chief Minister

Member of Parliament's Personal Message to the Hon'ble CM

Being elected as a Parliamentarian from the Kandhamal was a relatively a new experience for me who is predominantly known for revolutionizing professional education, tribal uplift and sports in Odisha and India, uplifting tribal youth besides his sojourn in multifaceted activities for social and human development. I was extensively staying, touring, attending meetings with party members and flagging off many development initiatives in his parliamentary constituency, Kandhamal, as a part of my duties as a representative of the people from there since 2019 in this quarter.

I flagged off the 69th Senior State Volleyball Championship (Men and Women) at Kandhamal and Boudh respectively. I stayed till the closing and was constantly present to encourage the players, interact with them and learn about their journey. The response towards the event was magnanimous and people expressed their gratitude to the couch party, for taking sports to rural areas. During the closing ceremony of the sporting event I talked about your vision of making Odisha's rural regions a sporting hub like the capital. It was for the first time in many decades that Kandhamal had seen such a grand sporting event. Likewise, I endorsed and attended another initiative of bridging the rural-urban gap in Odisha - transformation of Schools. I addressed at the programme of dedication of 10 transformed schools in Kandhamal and Boudh each under 5T initiative. This will enable our youth in rural areas and they in return will bring glory for Odisha in all fields including studies, sports & music. It will help kids dream big and move forward with confidence to face unique challenges of the 21st century.

We arranged to distribute over 12,000 blankets and shawls to the disadvantaged across the 20 blocks of Kandhamal in our personal capacity. I also started the distribution drive of 10,000 sarees and shirts. The drive was then taken up by party workers and volunteers who would see the smooth distribution of the blankets, shawls and sarees to all the 20 blocks. The "Mo Bandhu" Drive was curated in several places starting with the Phulbani circuit house; Old Age home Boudh Block, at PWD IB; and to aged residents of K Nuagaon Block, Chakapad Block, Phiringia block, Ganjuguda, Khajuripada Block, Harabhanga Block, Badimunda GP, to senior citizens at Raikia Panchayat Office.

I extensively interacted with PRI members, party workers, SHGs and other volunteers at every “Mo Bandhu” launch across all blocks of Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency. I talked about two Guru Mantras –

1. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has taken a holistic development approach across Odisha. He isn't developing a particular sector solely or a community. He ensures that no one is left behind and all get equal opportunities and equal aid. And what we need to do is, make the common people aware of the comprehensive support that they are receiving from the government.
2. We need to respect our Chief Minister and need to show our respect for his party. The person getting elected for the Zilla Parishad, is the nominee of the Biju Janata Dal and our Chief Minister. We need to keep our views and reservations aside and show confidence in the candidate. We need to show our loyalty to the party and its values.

I am grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Kandhamal and the state and providing me a broader canvas to serve the society adding to my penance a new domain of public service besides my relentless contribution as an educationist and humanitarian for the last three decades.

Thanking you,
Sincerely,

Achyutananda Samanta
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Debates

Participated in Lok Sabha

02 Dec 2021:

Discussion on COVID-19 pandemic and various aspects related to it

A grave unprecedented global crisis has shocked the world - caused tragic number of deaths around the world, made people afraid to leave home, led to economic hardship not seen in many generations. The effects are rippling as we begin to live with new normal. Obviously, I am talking about COVID-19. But in just a few decades, the same description will fit another global crisis: climate change.

The pandemic is awful but climate change is worse. Covid 19 and Climate Change both are grave challenges that the humanity is grappling with today. As awful as this pandemic is, climate change could be worse. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned that the new virus variant, Omicron poses 'very high' global risk and may lead to surges with severe consequences. Many countries in Europe have been experiencing increase in infections in recent weeks. America is also on the radar besides almost 25 countries. The threat of third wave in India is looming large with this variant. Ramping up the testing for the early identification of Covid cases and ensuring adequate infrastructure for management and isolation is the only way out to handle the threat efficiently.

Our populace, despite large numbers is fairly decent and disciplined, and abides by the norms and protocols set by the government for the greater interest of public. New norms in this regard as well will be welcomed by the public and strictly adhered to and cooperated with enforcement machinery. In this regard, I would submit for compulsory quarantine for international travellers from high risk countries for a week and follow - Test, Track and Treat principle.

I would like to highlight few important interventions of Government of Odisha in handling of Covid 19 crisis and making Odisha battle-hardened and faced Ampahaan and Yaas bravely - Creation of Covid 19 hospitals and free treatment - Covid Care Centres for

Rural Odisha - Free Education to the wards of Covid 19 deceased - Financial Assistance package that covers almost all sections of society - Covid Warriors, Journalists, Farmers - Increase of social security package - Inclusion of the disaster and pandemic management course in Curriculum Despite Covid and challenges, he has done 2 massive interventions - Mo School revamping Infrastructure

BSKY Smart card

How has Odisha done it?

- Decentralisation of powers to local bodies
- Collaboration with SHGs
- Most importantly, political will and passion in belief every life is precious

Vaccination Status - 85.65 per cent of the people of the state have already received the first dose of the vaccine and the rate of inoculation of the second dose is 48.4 per cent, which is more than the national average. The state government has now launched a door-to-door campaign for vaccination

08 Dec 2021: Discussion on Climate Change

Text of Hon'ble MP's Speech

I thank my Hon'ble MP colleagues Shri N K Premchandran ji and Kanimozhi ji for initiating this important discussion on Climate Change. Through Hon'ble Speaker I want to flag the following issues - Climate Change is real and happening NOW

1. Climate Change is real. It is happening now, as I speak. It is no more a talk of the past that Climate Change will occur if actions are not mindful. In fact, the pandemic has shown it. The spread of the virus has triggered an unprecedented worldwide response composed of rigorous social distancing, bans, ambitious economic packages and, programmes for vaccination and for a while, has eclipsed all other crises, including the climate Change. But Climate Change can not be put in the back burner.

2. Now, it is a moment for the mobilisation against the climate crisis. We saw examples of healing of Nature during lockdowns, which though very short lived, saw a rebound. We all know Delhi's AQI improved during lockdowns or how residents of Jalandhar in Punjab woke up to an incredible sight in the distance: the Dhauladhar mountain range in Himachal Pradesh. The peaks, which are over 120 miles away, had not been sighted on the Punjab horizon for almost 30 years. The health of the Ganga River has seen significant improvement during lockdown. I don't say we have to go back to lockdowns, but we have to be mindful.

3. But if the world waits for climate change to trigger an impact similar to Covid-19, it will be too late. Given the threat of climate change on human society and the economy, action against climate change should already be underway. Climate change will increasingly have dramatic effects on poverty, inequality as well as human and ecosystem wellbeing. The impacts will furthermore affect disadvantaged and vulnerable populations through food insecurity, higher food prices, income losses, lost livelihood opportunities, adverse health impacts and population displacements. Statistics from India The recently published Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report makes a clarion call for climate action.

According to the report, the past decade (2011-2020) was warmer by 1.09°C than the period from 1850 to 1900, and the 1.5°C global warming threshold is likely to be breached soon. The IPCC report warns India against more intense heat waves, heavy monsoons and rise in weather extremes in the future. Just imagine, we had 2 cyclones - in 70's and 99. And in last decade, Odisha has faced more than 10 cyclones. The Global Climate Risk Index (2021) ranked India the seventh-most affected country by weather extremes. Responses to climate change vary from place to place as there are differences in production systems, agro-climatic and socioeconomic conditions across the country.

What is India doing and what is the way ahead?

The pressure to speed up mitigation and adaptation is at an all-time high. India is doing well in achieving its mitigation commitments of reducing emission intensity and enhancing renewable capacity. India is targeting 450 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2030 and it has launched mega solar and green hydrogen missions. The

Shoonya programme by NITI Aayog, which aims to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles, is yet another effort towards adoption of clean technologies. With escalating climatic risks, there is an urgency to adopt adaptation strategies. India has some dedicated initiatives towards adaptation, such as the National Action Plan on Climate Change and the National Adaptation Fund. However, a breakthrough on adaptation and resilience actions is needed to save hard-earned developmental gains and adjust to new climate conditions. Adaptation planning needs to go beyond a business-as-usual approach.

A development-centric approach that aligns climate change, food security, and livelihood perspectives and takes into consideration regional specificities is crucial for reducing poverty and distress migrations. To strengthen adaptation and resilience, India can do the following.

First, it can be more prepared for climate change with high-quality meteorological data. With improved early warning systems and forecasting, we can tackle the crisis better. Premier research institutes can be roped in to develop regional climate projections for robust risk assessments.

Second, for sustainable production systems, it is necessary to develop well functioning markets for environmentally friendly products and disseminate them for the desired behavioural change.

Third, it is important to encourage private sector participation for investment in adaptation technologies and for designing and implementing innovative climate services and solutions in areas such as agriculture, health, infrastructure, insurance and risk management.

Fourth, we need to protect mangroves and forests to address climate-related risks by blending traditional knowledge with scientific evidence and encourage local and non-state actors to actively participate.

Fifth, major social protection schemes must be climate-proofed. We have an opportunity to create resilient infrastructural assets, diversify the economy and enhance the adaptive capacity of rural households.

Sixth, for continuous monitoring and evaluation, effective feedback mechanisms must be developed for mid-course correction. Periodic fine-tuning of State Action Plans on Climate Change is crucial to systematically understand micro-level sensitivities, plan resource allocation, and design responses to serve at different levels of intensities of climate hazards.

Lessons from the Pandemic

4. Climate change doesn't "peak" — and then flatten out and then maybe dissipate or be permanently prevented by vaccine — so normal life resumes. Humans will have to contend with the implications of sea level rise, mass movements of populations and various kinds of extreme weather — wetter wets, hotter hots and drier dries — forever. There is no herd immunity to climate change. There are only endless impacts on the herd. Manage the unavoidable so that you can avoid the unmanageable.

5. A second principle that climate change and pandemics share is: If we don't take care of the conditions that enable us to prosper, we will not prosper in the end. China was reckless about importing and mixing "terrestrial wildlife". It appears to have spawned both SARS and the coronavirus. This has to stop. If that happens, our society will need endless bailouts to move cities and recover from weather extremes.

6. Climate change may well be the next great engine for the next pandemic. We should use tax incentives to make it incredibly beneficial for every utility to decarbonize their power generation and shift to wind, solar and other renewables. Like Covid 19, Climate Change affects all, irrespective of caste, creed, color, sex, race or even party affiliations.

Fighting Climate Change

7. Fighting climate change requires a collaborative approach between all spheres of society. It has to be top down at macro level and awareness at micro level. In our villages, among the tribals and women, we see a lot of sustainable practices so our micro level handling will not be a problem. If it is to redress the inequalities linked to climate change, its response must also see significant support from high-income countries towards the rest of the world because they have the resources. It must also heavily redirect resources towards local, sustainable activities, including education,

health, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy and the circular management of resources. A just transition to a sustainable model of development would be beneficial from a socioeconomic perspective. It would create a large amount of local employment, reduce exposure to volatile, expensive and largely imported fossil fuels, bring innovation and generate vast savings from improvements in human and ecosystem health. In addition, the solutions to decarbonise are largely available and, in most cases, cost-effective.

Conclusion

8. The time for talking Billions is over. The 1.5 degree report tell us that we have till 2028 to turn things around. We have to do better than what we are doing now. But that's not impossible. The solutions are in fact there. We need to focus on adaptation and innovation. The finance is available – it's not difficult to find the finance. It is about creating a narrative of hope and positivity and creating that compact of partners who really want to do something meaningful and are not just in it for a fast buck. Otherwise, in ten years, the planet as we know it won't exist. Some people have woken up to this reality, some people are waking up and the sooner they do it the better. It will be difficult. But there is hope. The Covid-19 crisis is proof. A global response is possible. But, in the case of climate change, a global, coordinated response, larger than the sum of its parts, is required.

Committee Meetings

S. No.	Date of Sitting	Committee	Subject Considered
1	02/11/21	Railways	Consideration and adoption of Memorandum No. 1 regarding selection of subjects for examination by the Committee during the year 2021-22 and to chalk out future programme of the Committee.
2	26/11/21	Railways	(i) Consideration and adoption of the following draft reports: (a) Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/Recommendations of the Committee contained in their 7th Report on "Demands for Grants (2021-22) of the Ministry of Railways"; (b) 'Passenger Reservation System of Indian Railways'. (ii) Briefing by the representatives of the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) on the subject 'New lines/gauge conversion/ doubling/electrification and signaling in Indian Railways'.
3	09/12/21	Privileges	Oral evidence of Shri K. Shanmugam, the then Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu in the matter of Notices of question of breach of privilege dated 14 and 16 May, 2020 given by Shri T. R. Baalu and Dr. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy, MPs against the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu for alleged disrespectful and insulting behaviour.
4	20/12/21	Privileges	1) Oral evidence of the following officials in the matter of Complaint dated 24 August, 2020 given by Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, MP against Shri Bhoora Ram, Officiating Principal, Seth Mangal Chandra Government College, Sirohi, Rajasthan for not inviting him to the inaugural function of a New Building' and Road:- (i) Shri Bhoora Ram, Officiating Principal, Seth Mangal Chandra Government College, Sirohi, Rajasthan; and (ii) Shri R. C. Barada, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Block Aburoad, Sirohi, Rajasthan. (2) Oral evidence of the following officials in the matter of Complaint of violation of protocol norms dated 23 July, 2020 from Shri Devji Mansingram Patel, MP against the District Administration and Chief Medical Officer, Sirohi:- (i) Shri Bhagwati Prasad Kalal, District Collector, Sirohi, Government of Rajasthan; and (ii) Shri Darshan Grover, Chief Medical Officer, Sirohi, Government of Rajasthan.
5	28/12/21	Railways	Consideration and adoption of the draft report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations of the Committee contained in their 6th Report on the subject 'Passenger Amenities including Modernization of Railway Stations'. Briefing by the representatives of the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) and RLDA on the subject "Performance of Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA)".

Questions

Raised in question Hour (14 Questions)

No	Q. NO.	Q. Type	Date	Ministry	Subject
1	3	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	29.11.2021	TRIBAL AFFAIRS	Preservation of Saura Tribe and their Language
2	356	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	30.11.2021	AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE	Payment of Insurance Claims under PMFBY
3	392	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	30.11.2021	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	Construction of Roads under PMGSY in Odisha
4	620	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	01.12.2021	RAILWAYS	Coach Manufacturing Factory
5	894	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	02.12.2021	HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS	Expansion of Urban Settlements
6	1080	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	03.12.2021	HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE	Communicable Diseases in Tribal Areas
7	1359	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	06.12.2021	CULTURE	Classical status to Odishi Music
8	157	STARRED PDF/WORD	08.12.2021	CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION	PMGKAY
9	2010	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	09.12.2021	MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES	Expansion of PMEGP
10	2277	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	10.12.2021	AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)	Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy (CRIYN)
11	2527	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	13.12.2021	FINANCE	Accounts under PMJDY
12	2748	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	14.12.2021	HEAVY INDUSTRIES	Extension of Phase-II of FAME Scheme
13	2987	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	15.12.2021	RAILWAYS	Jaleswar-New Digha Railway Line
14	3412	UNSTARRED PDF/WORD	17.12.2021	CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS	Awareness Campaign for Generic Medicines

Details of Questions Framed and Answers received from the respective Ministries is enclosed as Appendix- I

Supplementary Question

14.12.2021

Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Schemes

*221. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL: SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: (a) the details of the funds sanctioned/allocated/ released and utilized under various rural development and poverty alleviation schemes during each of the last three years, separately in each of the North-Eastern(NE) States, Karnataka particularly in Davangere district, Tamil Nadu particularly in Cuddalore district, Rajasthan particularly in Ajmer, Jaipur and Rajsamand districts, scheme-wise; (b) the achievements made in the above States/ districts during the said period under each scheme; (c) the number of people benefited in the above States/districts under each of these schemes; and (d) (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure full utilization of funds and effective implementation of the schemes and completion of works in time?

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Is the Government planning to to increase the labour budget to 25 crore person days for 2021-22 for Odisha under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for supporting the migrants who had returned to their homes during the second wave of the pandemic have stayed back due to reduced level of economic activities? QUESTION SPEECH Our Hon,ble CM, Shri Naveen Patnaik ji requested the Union Rural Development Ministry to increase the labour budget for the state to 25 crore person days for 2021-22. As demand for wage employment under the MGNREGS in villages jumped, there is a need for an increase in the labour budget for Odisha. Sir, the state is yet to receive ₹1,088.72 crore - ₹377.91 crore as wage component and ₹710.81 crore as material component - under the MGNREGS. Timely payment of wages to poor jobseekers is the fundamental guarantee under the MGNREG Act. Similarly, timely release of payment for material is critical for the creation of tangible and durable assets under MGNREGA. In this context, I would like to ask is the Government planning to to increase the labour budget to 25 crore person days for 2021-22 for Odisha under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for supporting the migrants who had returned to their homes during the second wave of the pandemic have stayed back due to reduced level of economic activities?

Zero Hour

14.12. 2021

Demand to minister consider sharing 60 percent of clean energy cess as demanded by state govt amounting to Rs. 30,000 crore

Details of Hon'ble MP's Speech

Odisha produced 153.85 million tonnes of coal contributing to about 25% of the nation's production in 2020-21. The Centre is collecting clean energy cess at Rs.400/- per tonne, which amounts to more than Rs. 50,000 crore. Sharing of the cess collected with the state can be utilized for the economic development of the coal mining areas & the affected people. This will also accelerate the state's development in the aftermath of the COVID Pandemic situation.

Will the Minister of coal & mines be pleased to state:- Is the centre considering sharing 60% of the cess as demanded by the state amounting to Rs. 30,000 crore?

Letters to the Ministers

06/12/21

1. Declaration of "Paika Bidroha" as the First War of Independence



To

Shri. Arjun Ram Meghwal
Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Culture
Government of India
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
MEMORANDUM

Sub : Declaration of "Paika Bidroha" as the First War of Independence

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that "Paika Bidroha" also known as the Paika Rebellion took place in 1817, which was India 's first organized armed rebellion against the British raj. This was the First war of Independence for India which was 40 years before the revolt of 1857, which was later termed as 1st War of Indian Independence against British Colonialism.

This battle was fought under the leadership of Baxi Jagabandhu of Odisha. The legend . of the heroics of Baxi Jagabandhu as well as the valiant Paikas of Odisha continues to inspire the 4.5 crore Odias since the last two centuries. It is time, that this struggle and sacrifice by a generation of Odia I people got its due place in the annals of history. The Paika Bidroha led the path in energizing and mobilizing the people of India and

created strong resistance against the British raj, which ultimately led to the British having to leave India and India gaining its independence from foreign rule.

Naveen Patnaik to declare the Paika Bidroha as the First War of Independence.

However, people of Odisha were shocked, anguished and pained when they recently came to know that the Centre had refused to declare Paika Bidroha also known as Paika Rebellion as the First War of Independence. In reply to an Unstarred Question No. 485 of 2nd December, 2021 in the Rajya Sabha, Parliament of India, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Culture, Government of India has mentioned that "Paika Rebellion cannot be called the First War of Independence." Further painful is the reply, that this historic Paika Bidroha would be reduced to just a 'case study' in the Class-8 history textbook of NCERT which deals with the 1857 event, thereby rendering this momentous Paika Bidroha just as a footnote to the 1857 event.

We, the elected people representatives of Odisha have been receiving hundreds of calls from Odias from Odisha, India and across the world who consider this reply as a slight and insult to the rich history and culture of Odisha. This is a massive damage to the "Odia Asmita, Odia Itihaas, Odia Sanskruti, Odia Sabhayata, Odia Ayitiha and Odia Parampara." The 4.5 crore people of Odisha as well as proud Odias across the world are aggrieved Naveen Patnaik to declare the Paika Bidroha as the First War of independence.

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We strongly demand along with the 4.5 crore people of Odisha, that the Government of India must immediately declare Paika Bidroha as the First War of Independence as has been repeatedly demanded and also conceded by the then Hon'ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development. Until this demand is met, the pride and the glory of Odisha and the 4.5 Crore Odias will not allow us to rest for a moment. We look forward to your kind cooperation and support in this regard.

Yours sincerely,
Biju Janata Dal MPs from Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha

2. Procurement of surplus parboiled rice from Odisha



Odisha is estimated to procure -52- lacs tones of rice during the upcoming 2021-22 Kharif marketing season (KMS).

The state's own requirement of rice under the schemes is around - 24-lakh tones. This leaves the state with a balance of -28- lacs tones parboiled rice for evacuation. The Centre's recent decision which intimated that no surplus parboiled rice will be accepted from Odisha by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has put a question mark on lifting of the surplus rice from the state. Non-lifting of the surplus parboiled rice from the state due to restrictions imposed by the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) can severely affect the state's paddy procurement operations.

Historically Odisha is primarily a parboiled rice consuming state with rice milling industry producing parboiled rice. Hence the state is not in a position to face the situation arising due to the policy shift in surplus rice delivery profile imposed on the state by DFPD. It is noteworthy to mention that around -14-lakh farmers had sold 77.33 lakh MT of paddy (equivalent to 52.35 MT of rice) to the state govt. & Minimum Support Price (MSP) dues of around Rs. 14,444 crore have been disbursed to the farmers. This has not only benefitted cultivators but also strengthened the rural economy of the state.

I would like to request the Minister of consumer affairs, food & public distribution to consider the situation and give reasonable time to the state to align itself with the requirements of the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) and lift the ban order as the non-acceptance of the rice will affect about 10-lakh farmers who are already hit by the severe COVID 19 Pandemic situation.

14/12/2021

3. Universal coverage of Shelter Security with special focus on KBK & Tribal majority districts and cyclone FANI affected families.



To

Shri. Giriraj Singh
Hon'ble Union Minister
14th December, 2021
Ministry of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001
MEMORANDUM

Sub: Universal coverage of Shelter Security with special focus on KBK & Tribal majority districts and cyclone FANI affected families.

Dear Sir,

On 11th December, 2021, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha had written a letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India reiterating his earlier request to include the identified left-out eligible households under PMAY(G) in respect of districts not affected by cyclone FANI. He further requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to advise the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India to open the window of Aawaas + Mobile App for the entire State of Odisha for a period of one month in order to migrate the data of eligible Households from State developed RH Portal to Aawaas+ for PMAY(G) programme. State conducted identification through State developed RH Portal and found 5.09 Lakh eligible families in 16 districts not affected by cyclone FANI. These households are predominantly tribal's in the tribal areas and KBK districts of Western and Southern Odisha. The data of these families need to be migrated to the PWL of PMAY(G).

The fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution provides special protection to these areas as they are tribal-dominated and to facilitate their speedy development. Also, the KBK regions of Odisha have been very challenging and Governments have always proactively come forward to help. We, the BJD MPs of Odisha, strongly feel that the people of Western Odisha, Scheduled areas and KBK regions of Odisha should be provided priority focus and houses should be provided to them at the earliest.

There are 1.84 Lakh families who had lost their houses in the Cyclone FANI and are staying in dilapidated house. These families are otherwise not entitled to avail normal PMAY(G) house. Hon'ble PM during his visit to Odisha in May, 2019 committed to sanction Slakhs PMAY(G) houses to cyclone FANI affected families. PMAY-G (Special) houses to these 1.84 Lakh families need to be sanctioned and the pre-requisite often listen of their name in the PWL of PMAY(G) should be waived. There might be some more eligible families missed out during survey through Awaas+ and RH portal. Window of Awaas+ should be opened for the entire State for a period of one month to cover these families.

We hope you would kindly address our request with a sense of sympathy and look forward to your kind cooperation and support in this regard.

Yours sincerely,
Biju Janata Dal MPs from Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha

14/12/2021

4. Follow-up on Lack of Rail Connectivity to Phulbani and Request for Annexe



To,
Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Ji
Hon'ble Minister of Railways & Electronics and IT
Government of India
New Delhi.

Subject: Follow-up on Lack of Rail Connectivity to Phulbani and Request for Annexe

Most Respected Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw ji,

I am writing this letter to follow-up with Hon'ble Ministry under your able leadership on my request submitted to you dated 6 August 2021. I would like to draw your attention

again to the lack of rail connectivity in my Parliamentary Constituency, Kandhamal and request to facilitate our demand of expediting Khurda-Balangir rail line that will connect my Parliamentary Constituency.

Enclosed: Brief on the issue of lack of rail connectivity in Kandhamal and possible solution through Annex

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Achyutananda Samanta,
Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kandhamal.

14/12/2021

5. Gratitude for a visionary step of 4G Cover for unreachable villages in Kandhamal

To,

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Ji

Hon'ble Minister of Railways & Communication, Electronics and IT

Government of India

New Delhi.

Subject: Gratitude for a visionary step of 4G Cover for unreachable villages in Kandhamal

Most Respected Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw ji,

I am writing this letter to you for expressing my gratitude to you for bringing forth a revolutionary step of providing 4G connectivity in 7287 villages of India of 44 aspirational districts across 5 states out of which 1094 villages are from the aspirational district of Kandhamal. This visionary step under the able leadership of Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will connecting the unconnected.

Sir, I have personally raised this issue during Question Hour and Zero Hour and to this effect had submitted request letters to Ex Hon'ble Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji and subsequently to you as well. It was long due and this initiative will fulfil the aspirations of our people of Kandhamal. **It is a right step in fulfilling mission of Digital India which will support educational institutions, create job opportunities and promote domestic manufacturing. This initiative will have a significant impact on promoting access to economic and social services in unconnected and Left Wing Extremism affected areas.** I once again state that I am grateful to you for taking proactive steps to provide network connectivity in the villages of Kandhamal.

Enclosed: Paper clippings on my gratitude to Union Government for Network Connectivity in Kandhamal.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Achyutananda Samanta,

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kandhamal.

20/12/2021

6. Follow up Meeting with Shri. Giriraj Singh



Details - Appendix II

Media Reports

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta has put forth his demand again for building railway infrastructure in Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency. On Wednesday, Dr. Samanta has reiterated this genuine demand before Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnav while submitting a request letter on the same. Hon'ble Minister has assured that action will be taken with respect to the above at the quickest possible. It is pertinent to mention that Shri Prasenjit Singh, Joint Secretary, Standing Committee on Railways had written a letter to Shri Sumeet Sharma, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board referring to the repeated demand presented by Hon'ble MP on the floor of the house while representing the aspirations and long pending demand of the people of Kandhamal in this regard. Dr. Samanta has expressed his hope that the new minister in office will intensify the work on connectivity of Railways to Kandhamal parliamentary constituency.



'No' to classical tag plea for Odishi music

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On the State's plea to accord classical status to Odishi music, the Union Government on Monday clarified that it does not confer classical status to any musical form.

Giving a reply to a question asked by BJD MP Achyuta Samanta, Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy said that the Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organisation working under Ministry of Culture, has received proposals from Guru Gopal Chandra Panda, founder president,

Guru Gopal Panda Odishi Academy, Bhubaneswar; Prof PK Mishra, chairman, Institute of Indian Music, Bhubaneswar, and Dr Amar Patnaik, Member, Rajya Sabha, for the purpose. However, the Government does not confer classical status to any musical form, he clarified. The State Government has been repeatedly putting pressure on the Centre to accord classical status to Odishi music. The State Heritage Cabinet in September 2020 had passed a resolution to request the Centre for the purpose.

In the same month, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had written a letter to the Centre to accord classical status to Odishi music as it has at least 2,000 years old tradition and is based on 'Shastra' having its own 'Raga'.

In 1964, Odishi dance was accorded 'classical dance' status by the Centre. Later on, Odia language received the status of 6th classical language of the country by the Union Government. In 2008, Odishi music was accorded classical status by the State Government.

‘Want to turn Kandhamal into a model constituency’

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Educationist and social activist, Achyuta Samanta, and also the MP of Kandhamal, was on an extensive tour of his constituency recently where he flagged off a number of welfare projects. Striking out almost at the crack of dawn, the MP covered large areas of Kandhamal and Boudh, and interacted with government officials and locals. “I didn’t know when my day ended. I was travelling and meeting people the entire day and trying to make their lives better with my humble contributions,” said Samanta, and added that he would like to make Kandhamal a model constituency.

In a constituency like Kandhamal, flagship schemes like the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana are going to be the gamechanger, he said. BSKY and myriad such welfare schemes are the driving force of the BJD. “I am very grateful to the chief minister for giving me this opportunity to connect with the people and serve them,” he said. The six days he spent in his constituency were very challenging — the issues were diverse and as an MP and social worker he tried to put his best foot forward to facilitate all round growth and development. “I like challenges and always manage to accommodate everything in my schedule,” he said.

Samanta also opened the 69th Senior State Volleyball Championship (Men and Women). He stayed on till the end of the tournament and spent time interacting with the players to encourage them and also to learn about their journey.



Achyuta Samanta

After the successful sponsorship of the Indian Hockey team, the chief minister, Naveen Patnaik, has laid special emphasis on the development of sports in the state. In consonance with this, the MP had installed floodlights at five playgrounds in his constituency to enable sporting events of such stature to be organised. Samanta’s efforts to take sports to the rural areas received much appreciation from the people.

During the closing ceremony of the sporting event, Samanta talked about the CM’s vision of making Odisha’s rural regions sporting hubs. For the first time in many decades Kandhamal saw such a grand sporting tournament. Every volunteer, sports personnel and spectator was overwhelmed. They thanked the MP for organizing such a massive event. Samanta assured his constituency that the next event in Kandhamal would be the state-level football tournament.

He endorsed and attended another initiative to bridge the rural-urban gap in Odisha — the transformation of schools, a visionary project of Naveen Patnaik. Samanta addressed the programme to dedicate 10 transformed schools under the 5T initiative. “This will enable the youths in rural areas to bring glory for

Odisha in all fields, including education, sports and music. It will help children dream big and move forward with confidence to face unique challenges in life.”

The MP distributed over 12,000 blankets and 12,000 sarees to the disadvantaged across 20 blocks of Kandhamal. He also started the distribution of 10,000 shirts to ‘Mo Bandhu’ youths. ‘Mo Bandhu’ is essentially a community cadre, the first of its kind, displaying unwavering commitment and exemplary dedication towards serving the downtrodden in the constituency.

Samanta extensively interacted with PRI members, party workers, SHGs and other volunteers from all blocks of Boud and Kandhamal. Speaking about the policies and vision of his party, the Biju Janata Dal, he said he follows two Guru Mantras. “The chief minister has prioritized holistic development in Odisha. He isn’t developing a particular sector solely or a community. He ensures that no one is left behind and all get equal opportunities and aid. And what we need to do is make the common people aware of the comprehensive support that they receive from the government.”

The second mantra is, he said, respecting our leader; chief minister Naveen Patnaik and our party. “The candidate getting the ticket for the Zilla Parishad is a nominee of the BJD and our CM. We need to keep our views and reservations aside and show confidence in him. We need to show our loyalty to the party and its values.”

(Based on an article by Achyuta Samanta, BJD MP from Kandhamal)

BJD MPs demand Centre lift surplus parboiled rice in State

TATHYA

BHUBANESWAR, DEC 8

THE Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MPs on Wednesday met Union Food & Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal and submitted a memorandum for lifting of surplus parboiled rice from Odisha.

In the memorandum, the BJD MPs said 14 lakh farmers have sold 77.33 lakh MT of paddy (equivalent to 52.35 MT of rice) by October 10, 2021 during KMS 2020-21 and Rs 14,444 crore have been transferred to their bank accounts within 24-48 hours of the purchase of their paddy.

This has greatly benefited the farmers of Odisha as well as strengthened the rural economy more so in the aftermath of COVID pandemic, the Memorandum pointed out.

However, the Union Government through its letter (dated 31.8.2021) informed that no surplus parboiled rice shall be accepted from Odisha by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for the next Kharif Marketing Season, they said.

"This has come as a bolt from the blue and greatly distressed the lakhs of farmers of Odisha, especially from the western and southern regions of Odisha," read the memo.

In the upcoming KMS 2021-22, Odisha was estimated to procure 52 lakh MT of rice. The State's own requirement is about 24 lakh MT rice comprising all the schemes. Thus, a surplus of 28 lakh MT rice would be left with Odisha which would comprise 4 lakh MT raw rice and 24 lakh MT parboiled rice.

Odisha would be left with a surplus of 24 lakh MT of parboiled rice for lifting by the FCI. If the FCI does not lift this 24 lakh MT of parboiled rice due to restrictions imposed by the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) then it would severely affect Odisha's paddy procurement operations as well as cause distress to 10 lakh farmers, they said.

These 10 lakh farmers



would be in deep distress coupled with the existing pains of the COVID pandemic.

"We as public representatives of the people of Odisha and especially on behalf of 10 lakh farmers of Odisha and their families, demand that the Department of Food and Public Distribution should direct the FCI to accept and lift the 24 lakh MT of surplus parboiled rice from Odisha for the next Kharif Marketing Season 2021-22," the BJD parliamentarians demanded.

If this surplus parboiled rice is not lifted by FCI from Odisha, it would cause immeasurable pain and distress to 10 lakh farmers of the State and their families, they pointed out.

Considering that they have undergone great pain and stress due to the COVID pandemic, the MPs urged Goyal to direct the FCI to ensure that not a single grain of surplus parboiled rice is left behind in Odisha from the 10 lakh farmers in the KMS 2021-22.

ସାଙ୍ଗୀତିକ ଧାରାକୁ ଦିଆଯାଇନି ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା

କୁଳନେଶ୍ୱର (ବ୍ୟବହାର)/
ନୂଆଦିଲ୍ଲୀ, ୬/୧୨ (ସ.ପ୍ର.)

ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ଦୀର୍ଘବର୍ଷ ଧରି ବାବି ହୋଇ ଆସୁଥିବାବେଳେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାର ନିରାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି। ସରକାର କୌଣସି ସାଙ୍ଗୀତିକ ଧାରାକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେଇନାହାନ୍ତି ବୋଲି କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସଂସ୍କୃତି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଡି. କ୍ରିଷ୍ଣନ ରେଞ୍ଜା ସୋମବାର କୋଚ ସଭାରେ କହିଛନ୍ତି। ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେବା ଲାଗି ଓଡ଼ିଶାକୁ ବାରମ୍ବାର କରାଯାଇଥିବା ଅନୁରୋଧ ଓ ଆବେଦନକୁ ସରକାର ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିନଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ସେଥିପାଇଁ କିଛି ବିଚାର କରାଯାଇଛି ବୋଲି ବିଚେତନ ଏମ୍ପି ଅନୁସୂଚ ସାମନ ସମ୍ମୁଖ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରଶ୍ନ କରିଥିଲେ। ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ରେଞ୍ଜା କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ସରକାର ସଙ୍ଗୀତର କୌଣସି ଧାରା ବା ରୂପକୁ

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ସାଙ୍ଗୀତିକ ଧାରାକୁ...

ହେଉ ଏତିକି ହିଁ ଜାବନବାସୀ ଚେଷ୍ଟା ରହିଛି। ମହାପ୍ରଭୁ ଶ୍ରୀଜୀଉଙ୍କ ଓଡ଼ିଶାବାସୀଙ୍କର ଏ ଆଶା ଦିନେ ନିଶ୍ଚୟ ପୂରଣ କରିବେ, ଏଥିପାଇଁ ମାତ୍ର ସେହିନାହିଁ ବୋଲି ପଣ୍ଡା କହିଛନ୍ତି।

କରିଷ୍ଟ କ୍ୟାଣ୍ଟା ସଙ୍ଗୀତା ଗୋପାଳ କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ, ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ବିବୃତିରେ ସେ ବିବୁତ ନୁହଁନ୍ତି। ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଯେକେହି କହିଲେ ବି ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତର ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟତା ଅସ୍ପଷ୍ଟ ରହିଛି ଓ ରହିଥିବା ଆମେ କାହାକୁ ହାତପାଟିବା ଦରକାର ନାହିଁ। କାରଣ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତର ଧାରା ଓ ତାହାର ସାଙ୍ଗୀତିକତା କେବଳ ପ୍ରଚାର ପ୍ରସାରରେ ହିଁ ଚର୍ଚ୍ଚାମାମା ହୋଇପାରିବା। ତେଣୁ ଆମେ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟତା ପାଇଁ ବିବୃତ ହେବାକୁ କିଛି କାରଣ ନାହିଁ। ଆମ ସରକାର ଆମ କଳାକୁ ଚିହ୍ନିଛନ୍ତି ଓ ଏହାକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି। ତାହା ଆମପାଇଁ ଯଥେଷ୍ଟ।

କରିଷ୍ଟ କ୍ୟାଣ୍ଟା ଗୁରୁ ରାମହରି ଦାସ କହିଛନ୍ତି, କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପ୍ରଥମେ ପାଳକ ବିମ୍ବୋସକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟର ପ୍ରଥମ ସ୍ୱାଧୀନତା ସଂଗ୍ରାମ ନୂହେଁ ବୋଲି କହିଲେ, ଏବେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ମନା କରୁଛନ୍ତି। କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାର ଏକ ପ୍ରକାର ଆମ ରଜକାୟତାକୁ ବିଚ୍ୟୁତ କରୁଛନ୍ତି। ଯଦି କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାର କାହାକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେଇନାହାନ୍ତି ତେବେ ଭାରତରେ ୮ଟି ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ନୃତ୍ୟ ଓ ୨ଟି ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ସଙ୍ଗୀତ (ହିନ୍ଦୁସ୍ତାନୀ ଓ କର୍ନାଟକ) କିପରି ରହିଛି। ଯେଉଁ ଯୁକ୍ତିରେ ସେହି ନୃତ୍ୟ ଓ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ମାନ୍ୟତା ମିଳିଲା, ରବିଷ୍ୟତରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ମିଳିବାରେ ଅସୁବିଧା କ'ଣ ରହିଛି। ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତ ଯେ

କୌଣସି ଭାରତୀୟ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ସଙ୍ଗୀତ ଚୁକ୍ତନାରେ କମ୍ ନୁହେଁ। ଅନୁଗୁପ୍ତ ଭାବେ ଗୁରୁ ବିକ୍ରମ ନେନା କହିଛନ୍ତି, ଯେଉଁ ସଙ୍ଗୀତର ବଳିଷ୍ଠ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ପରମ୍ପରା ରହିଛି ତାହା ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ। କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସଙ୍ଗୀତ ନାଟକ ଏକାଡେମୀରେ କୌଣସି ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ଶବ୍ଦର ବ୍ୟବହାର କରାଯାଏ ନାହିଁ। କର୍ନାଟକ ଓ ହିନ୍ଦୁସ୍ତାନୀ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ବିଧିବଦ୍ଧ ଭାବେ ସେପରି କିଛି ମାନ୍ୟତା ମିଳିନାହିଁ। ମାତ୍ର ପ୍ରଚାର ପ୍ରସାର ଫଳରେ ଏହି ସଙ୍ଗୀତ ଲୋକାଭିମୁଖ ହେବା ପରେ ଏହାକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ସଙ୍ଗୀତ ବୋଲି କୁହାଯାଇଛି। ତେଣୁରେ ୮ଟି ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ନୃତ୍ୟ ରହିଥିବାବେଳେ ସଙ୍ଗୀତ କେବଳ ହିନ୍ଦୁସ୍ତାନୀ କିମ୍ବା କର୍ନାଟକରେ ସୀମିତ ହୋଇ ରହିବା ଉଚିତ ନୁହେଁ। ଭାଷାକୁ ଯେପରି କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାର ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି, ସେହିପରି ସଙ୍ଗୀତରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସାସ କରାଯିବା ଦରକାର। ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତର କେଶବ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ରାଉତ ନିଜ ମତ ରଖିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ, ଯଦି କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାର ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେବେ ନାହିଁ, ତେବେ କିଏ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେବେ? ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଯେଉଁ ନୃତ୍ୟ ଓ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ମିଳିଛି ତାହା କିପରି ମିଳିଲା। କେଉଁ କିଛିଆରେ ଅନ୍ୟ ସଙ୍ଗୀତ ଓ ନୃତ୍ୟକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ମିଳିଲା, ତାହା ଅନୁଧ୍ୟାନ କରିବା ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଏବେ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ହେବା ଦରକାର। ଦ୍ୱାଦଶ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀରୁ ଆମର ସମସ୍ତ ତଥ୍ୟ ଆମେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରକୁ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିଛୁ। ଏହାପରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେବାକୁ ମନା କରୁଛି, ଯାହାକି ଉଚିତ୍ ନୁହେଁ ବୋଲି ରାଉତ କହିଛନ୍ତି। ବରିଷ୍ଠ କ୍ୟାଣ୍ଟା ଶ୍ୟାମାମଣି ଦେବୀ କହିଛନ୍ତି, ସେ ଜାଣିବାରେ ସରକାରୀ ସ୍ତରରେ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦିଆଯାଏ ନାହିଁ। ଆମ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିଛନ୍ତି, ତାହା ଆମ ପାଇଁ ଯଥେଷ୍ଟ। କାରଣ ସ୍ତରରେ କୌଣସି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଙ୍ଗୀତ ପରିବେଷଣ ହେଲେ ଭାଷାଗତ ସମସ୍ୟା ହେବ। ନୃତ୍ୟରେ ସିନା ଅଭିନୟକୁ ଦେଖି ଅନ୍ୟମାନେ ବିଷୟ ବୁଝିଯିବେ, ମାତ୍ର ସଙ୍ଗୀତରେ ତାହା ହେବ ନାହିଁ। କିଏ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରୁ ବା ନ କରୁ, ଆମେ ଜାଣିଛୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ହେଉଛି ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ

ସଙ୍ଗୀତ। ଆମ ରାଜ୍ୟର ପ୍ରତି ଜିଲ୍ଲାରେ କିପରି ଏହାର ପ୍ରସାର ପ୍ରସାର ହୋଇପାରିବ, ସେଥିପ୍ରତି ଧ୍ୟାନ ଦିଆଯିବା ଦରକାର। ଆମ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ନେଇ ଆମେ ଗର୍ବ କରୁଛୁ।

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Australia and Britain will join the US in a diplomatic boycott of the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing

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BJD MPs URGE GOYAL TO LIFT SURPLUS PARBOILED RICE



BJD MPs submitting a memo to Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Wednesday

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Bhubaneswar, Dec 8: BJD MPs from Odisha Wednesday urged Union Minister Piyush Goyal to instruct Food Corporation of India (FCI) for lifting of surplus parboiled rice from the state during upcoming kharif marketing season (KMS) 2021-22.

The delegation had members from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha including Pinaki Misra and Prasanna Acharya. They met the minister in Delhi and submitted a memorandum.

In the memorandum, the BJD MPs

said 14 lakh farmers have sold 77.33 lakh tonne of paddy (equivalent to 52.35 lakh tonne of rice) by October 10, 2021 during KMS 2020-21 and ₹14,444 crore has been transferred to their bank accounts within 24-48 hours of the purchase of their paddy.

However, the government of India through a letter (dated 31.8.2021) informed that no surplus parboiled rice shall be accepted from Odisha by FCI for the next KMS.

"This decision has shocked and distressed lakhs of farmers of Odisha, es-

pecially from the western and southern regions of Odisha," the memorandum said. Odisha is estimated to procure 52 lakh tonne of rice in the upcoming KMS, the MPs said and added state's own requirement is about 24 lakh tonne rice comprising all the schemes

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If the FCI does not lift this 24 lakh tonne of parboiled rice due to restrictions imposed by the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) then it would severely affect Odisha's paddy procurement operations as well as cause distress to 10 lakh farmers, the MPs said.

The BJD MPs said that it was their duty to protect the interest of the farmers and their families.

BJD MPs meet Union Culture Minister demanding Odisha's Paika Rebellion as First War of Independence

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New Delhi, Dec 6: MPs of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) have met the Union Culture Minister (State) on Monday, demanding Odisha's Paika Rebellion as the first war of independence.

Led by the Parliamentary Party Leader of the BJD, Pinaki Mishra, the MPs submitted a memorandum to the Union Culture Minister for State, Arjun Ram Meghwal requesting appropriate steps in this connection.

The memorandum read, "Paika Bidroha" also known as the Paika Rebellion took place in 1817, which was India's first organized armed rebellion against the British raj. This was the First War of Independence for India which was 40 years before the revolt of 1857, which was later termed as the 1st War of Indian Independence against British Colonialism. This battle was fought under the leadership of Baxi Jagabandhu of Odisha.

The legend of the heroics of Baxi Jagabandhu as well as the valiant Paikas of Odisha continues to inspire the 4.5 crores Odias since the last two centuries. It is time, that this struggle and sacrifice by a generation of Odia people got its due place in the annals of history. The Paika Bidroha led the path in energizing and mobilizing the people of India and created strong resistance against the British raj, which ultimately led to the British having to leave India and India gaining its independence from foreign rule.

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Guided by the words and direction of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, in accordance with the 5T's philosophy specified by him, I am proud to have worked humbly for the people of Kandhamal these past few months.

October 2021

26/10/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta interacted with the office bearers of Biju Chhatra Janata Dal



November 2021

10/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta addressed the "Mo Bandhu" volunteers of Khajuripada



10/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta met the office bearers of Rotary International for establishment of an eye hospital at Phulbani



10/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta addressed the "Mo Bandhu" volunteers, PRI representatives and party workers at Chakapad block



10/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta addressed the "Mo Bandhu" volunteers, PRI representatives and party workers at Phiringia block



11/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta visited the construction site of Govt. Medical College, Phulbani



11/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated 69th Senior State Volleyball Championship (Women) at Boudh



11/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated newly constructed building of District Athletic Association, Boudh



11/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta addressed the PRI members of Boudh district



11/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta attended and addressed at the inauguration of the schools transformed under 5T programme by Hon'ble CM through VC at Phulbani



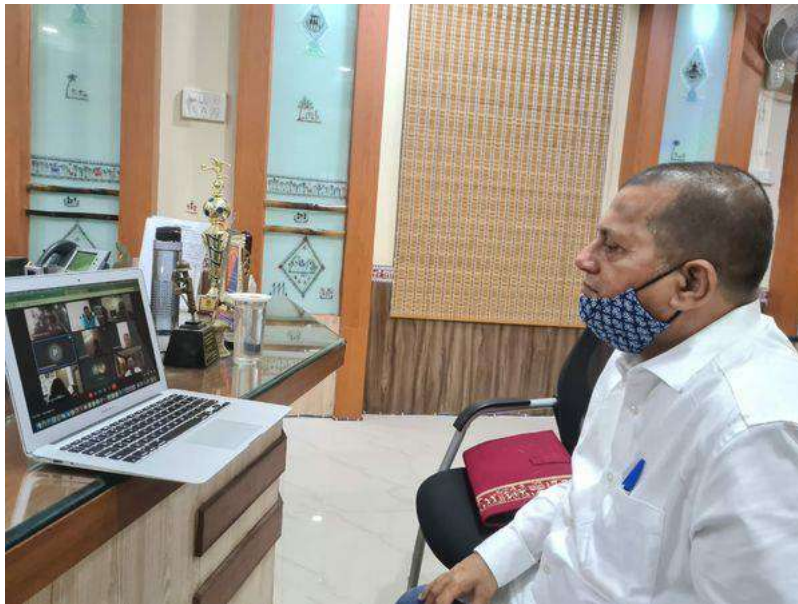
12/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated 69th Senior State Volleyball Championship (Men) at Phulbani



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Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta attended DISHA meeting at Phulbani



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Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated additional classrooms of Pattashree High School of K.Nuagaon Block



12/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated Community centre at Mahasingi of K Nuagaon Block



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Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta addressed the "Mo Bandhu" volunteers, PRI representatives and party workers at K. Nuagaon block



12/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta addressed on the occasion of 69th Senior (Men) Volleyball and Dhaba Volleyball tournament Baliguda Block



13/11/21

Inauguration of Misson Shakti Gruha at Raikia



13/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta addressed the party workers and PRI members at BJD organisational meeting organised at Raikia



13/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated newly constructed additional classrooms of Kamala Nehru High School of Tikabali Block



14/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta attended the closing ceremony of the state level senior volleyball tournament at Phulbani



22/11/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta attended the inauguration of Distribution of Smart Health Card under BSKY and inauguration of Developmental projects by Hon'ble CM at Kandhamal



25/10/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta attended the inauguration of Distribution of Smart Health Card under BSKY and inauguration of Developmental projects by Hon'ble CM at Boudh



ସଦୃଶ ଲୋକସଭାର ସଂସଦୀୟ ସ୍ଥାୟୀ ସମିତି (ରେଳ ବିଭାଗ)ର ଅନ୍ୟତମ ସଦସ୍ୟ ଭାବରେ ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦ ଡଃ ଅଦ୍ୟୁତ ସାମନ୍ତ ଆଜି ସମିତିର ବୈଠକରେ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇ କନ୍ଧମାଳ ସଂସଦୀୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ରେଳ ସଂଯୋଗୀକରଣକୁ ନେଇ ସଂସଦୀୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରର ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଦୃଢ଼ ଦାବି ଉପସ୍ଥାପନ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ଏଥିସହ ନବେ ଦଶକକୁ ଅସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଅବସ୍ଥାରେ ଥିବା ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଗୁରୁତ୍ବପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଖୋର୍ଦ୍ଧା- ବଲାଙ୍ଗିର ରେଳପଥର ନିର୍ମାଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକୁ ଉନ୍ନତୀୟ ସମ୍ପନ୍ନ କରି ସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଭାବରେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ଷମ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଦୃଢ଼ ଭାବରେ ଦାବି ରଖାଯାଉଥିବା କହିଛନ୍ତି ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦ ଡଃ ସାମନ୍ତ ।

ସମିତିର ଅଧକ୍ଷ ଶ୍ରୀ ରାଧାମୋହନ ସିଂହଙ୍କ ସଭାପତିତ୍ବରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ଏହି ବୈଠକରେ କନ୍ଦମାଳା ସଂସଦୀୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଯଥାଶୀଘ୍ର ରେଳ ଉଦ୍‌ଭୂତିର ସ୍ଥାପନ କରିବା ସଙ୍ଗେ ସଙ୍ଗେ ଭାରତୀୟ ରେଳର ବିକାଶ ଦିଗରେ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖନୀୟ ଭୂମିକା ନିର୍ବାହ ପୂର୍ବକ ରେଳ ବିଭାଗକୁ ରାଜସ୍ବ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଥିବା ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦୃଢ଼ ସ୍ପର୍ଥ ପାଇଁ ରାଜ୍ୟର ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଜିଲ୍ଲାକୁ ରେଳ ଲାଇନ ସହ ସଂଯୋଗ କରିବା ଉପରେ ସମିତିର ଦୃଷ୍ଟି ଆକର୍ଷଣ କରିବା ସହ ନିମ୍ନୋକ୍ତ ଗୁରୁତ୍ବପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ତଥ୍ୟ ସମ୍ପର୍କିତ ଦାବି ଉପସାପନ କରିଛନ୍ତି ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦ ଡଃ ସମ୍ବର ଡଃ ସମ୍ବର।

ଶିଳ୍ପାୟନ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଦ୍ରୁତ ଗତିରେ ଅଗ୍ରସର ହେଉଥିବା ବେଳେ ଆଗାମୀ ପାଞ୍ଚ ବର୍ଷ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଅଭିବୃଦ୍ଧିର ଶିଖରରେ ଉପୀତ ହୋଇ ପୂର୍ବ ଭାରତର ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଶିଳ୍ପାଞ୍ଚଳରେ ପରିଗଣିତ ହେବା ସହ ବୃହତ ଶିଳ୍ପ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଜାତିକ ପ୍ରବେଶ ଦ୍ଵାରା କୃପେ ଉଦ୍ଧାରେଇବାକୁ ଯାଉଛି ଓଡ଼ିଶା। ସମ୍ପର୍କିତ ମେଳା ଭିତ୍ତିଭିମ୍ବର ଘୋର ଅଭାବ ରାକ୍ଷସ ଯମାଜିଉ ତଥା ଅର୍ଥନୈତିକ ପ୍ରଗତି ଦିଗରେ ମେଳା ବାଧକ ସାଜିଛି।

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Achtung! Schmutz!



30/11/21

Hon'ble MP attended BJD parliamentary party meeting at New Delhi



December 2021

23/12/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated Mobile Tower at Kalaskhaman GP



23/12/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated Revenue IB at NAC, Dasapalla



23/12/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated Newly constructed GP office at Soroda



23/12/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated Office of the Sub-Registrar at Dasapalla



23/12/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated Tahasil Office at Dasapalla



23/12/21

Hon'ble MP Dr. Achyuta Samanta inaugurated Union Bank of India at Chadeypalli



29/12/21

Hon'ble MP Inaugurated Aadarsha Market (Rural Hat) at GochhapadaGP



29/12/21

Hon'ble MP attended the party worker's meeting at Polshagora, Kantamal



29/12/21

Hon'ble MP Inaugurated Kalyan Mandap at Palshagora, Kantamal



Appendix-I

Questions raised during Question Hour and Answers received from the respective Ministries.

Questions 1 : Q 3

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021

PRESERVATION OF SAURA TRIBE AND THEIR LANGUAGE

3. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: -

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Saura (Sabar) tribe from the Gajapati and Koraput districts of Odisha and their script Sora Sompeng;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to save the Saura language from the threat of extinction which will be detrimental for their distinct ethnic identity;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the children of the above-mentioned community are forced to drop out of school as they are unable to understand Odia and other languages in which being taught, if so the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government is planning to officially recognise the Saura (Sabar) language by including it in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a): Saura is one of the primitive tribe with sizeable population in Gajapati and Rayagada (which was part of the undivided Koraput district) districts in Odisha. Pandit Mangei Gamango, an eminent person of the Saura community had invented Saurang Sompeng Script.

(b): Government of Odisha has recognized Saura language under its language policy for Multi Lingual Education (MLE) intervention. Primers of Saura language has been developed by Government of Odisha for using in primary education.

Academy of Tribal Languages & Culture (ATLC) organizes training programmes in Saura language from time to time for grass-root level field functionaries and primary teachers in Saura dominated areas for acquiring communication skills in Saura language. Besides, Academy has also published books on Saura language, culture & folklore for propagation of Saura language. ST & SC Development Department, Government of Odisha has also published Bi-lingual Dictionary & Tri-Lingual Proficiency Module in Saura language under MLE intervention which have been distributed among the schools of Gajapati & Rayagada district of Odisha. New Education Policy also stipulates that young children learn and grasp quickly in their home language and mother tongue. Accordingly, Central and State Government are making efforts to encourage multi-lingual policy for imparting education.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Government of Odisha has taken adequate steps for zero dropouts in schools which also includes Saura community students. Further, a flagship programme under the banner "SAMHATI" has been launched by ST & SC Development Department, Govt of Odisha for promotion of Multi Lingual Education (MLE). Distribution of Saura primers among all children has been planned under SAMHATI initiative.

(e): Ministry of Home Affairs, the nodal Ministry for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, has stated that there are 22 languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution and there have been demands for inclusion of more languages. As the evolution of dialects and languages is a dynamic process, influenced by socio-cultural, economic and political developments, it is difficult to fix any criterion for languages, whether to distinguish them from dialects, or for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. Government of India is conscious of the sentiments and requirements for inclusion of other languages in the Eighth Schedule. Such requests have to be considered keeping in mind these sentiments, and the other relevant considerations.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 356

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER, 2021

PAYMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS UNDER PMFBY

356. SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI :
SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether insurance claims are being paid to farmers on time after crop damage/failure under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in many States, including Odisha, the payment of insurance claims for crop failure in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 is still pending, if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps for payment of all these outstanding claims;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the outstanding claims will be fully paid and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that farmers are being compensated properly especially during crop loss in cases of drought or deficient rainfall?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e) : The admissible claims under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) are generally paid by the concerned insurance companies within two months of completion of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs)/harvesting period and one month of notification for invoking the risks/perils of prevented sowing, mid-season adversity and post harvest losses subject to receipt of total share of premium subsidy from concerned Government within time. However, settlement of few claims in some States including Odisha got delayed due to reasons like delayed transmission of yield data; late release of their share in premium subsidy, yield related disputes between insurance companies and States, non-receipt of account details of some farmers for transfer of claims to the bank account of eligible farmers and National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) related issues, erroneous/incomplete entry of individual farmers data on National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP), delay in remittance of farmers share of premium/non-remittance of farmers share of premium to concerned insurance company etc.

This Department is regularly monitoring the implementation of PMFBY including timely settlement of claims through weekly video conference of stakeholders, one to one meetings with insurance companies/States etc. Further, penalty provisions for late settlement of claims by insurance companies and late release of funds by State Governments have also been stipulated under the revised/revamped operational guidelines of the scheme. Insurance companies have to pay penal interest @12% per annum to the farmers for the period beyond the stipulated period in the PMFBY Guidelines from the date of receipt of final yield data from the State Government and completion of crop damage survey.

Further, this Department is regularly reviewing the schemes in consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders to streamline the process for early settlement of claims and to provide timely and adequate benefits to the eligible farmers under the scheme.

State-wise details of pending claims including Odisha, for the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are **annexed**.

Annexure					
State-Wise Status of Pending Claims under PMFBY for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 as on 25.11.2021					
(Rs. in crore)					
State/UT Name	States/UTs	Reported Claims	Paid Claims	Claims Pending	Reason for Pendency
2018-19	A & N Islands	0.09	0.01	0.08	Payment Failure
	Andhra Pradesh	1,890.05	1,885.76	4.29	Payment Failure
	Gujarat	2,778.08	2,777.89	0.18	State Subsidy Pending
	Haryana	948.01	947.75	0.27	Payment Failure
	Jharkhand	684.94	50.98	633.95	State Subsidy Pending
	Karnataka	2,948.56	2,947.99	0.57	Payment Failure
	Madhya Pradesh	3,777.31	3,777.14	0.17	Payment Failure
	Maharashtra	6,149.46	6,146.19	3.27	Payment Failure
	Telangana	587.35	148.92	438.43	State Subsidy Pending
	West Bengal	535.52	529.85	5.67	Payment Failure; State Subsidy Pending
2018-19 Total		29,341.04	28,254.15	1,086.89	
2019-20	Andhra Pradesh	1,259.01	1,254.03	4.98	Payment Failure
	Assam	21.27	-	21.27	State Subsidy Pending
	Chhattisgarh	1,314.60	1,296.59	18.02	Payment Failure
	Gujarat	369.40	111.67	257.73	State Subsidy Pending
	Haryana	933.08	928.36	4.72	Payment Failure
	Himachal Pradesh	67.54	66.61	0.93	Payment Failure
	Jharkhand	25.46	-	25.46	State Subsidy Pending
	Karnataka	1,572.28	1,349.26	223.02	Payment Failure; Pending clarifications from State Government
	Madhya Pradesh	5,991.92	5,947.35	44.57	Under Process
	Maharashtra	6,757.36	6,748.51	8.85	Payment Failure
	Odisha	1,170.11	1,152.81	17.30	Pending clarifications from State Government
	Puducherry	7.16	6.23	0.93	Payment Failure
	Rajasthan	4,921.91	4,920.18	1.73	Payment Failure
	Tamil Nadu	1,168.60	1,136.46	32.14	State Subsidy Pending
	Telangana	512.78	-	512.78	State Subsidy Pending
	Uttar Pradesh	1,110.56	1,086.56	24.01	Payment Failure; Pending clarifications from State Government
2019-20 Total		27,394.34	26,195.86	1,198.48	
2020-21 (Provisional)	Chhattisgarh	882.09	853.95	28.14	State Subsidy Pending;

					Payment Failure
	Haryana	1,126.01	1,118.64	7.36	State Subsidy Pending; Payment Failure
	Himachal Pradesh	36.22	19.16	17.06	State Subsidy Pending; Payment Failure
	Karnataka	539.67	485.80	53.87	Under Process
	Kerala	103.03	70.02	33.01	State Subsidy Pending
	Maharashtra	1,311.35	940.62	370.73	State Subsidy Pending
	Odisha	550.24	546.00	4.25	Under Process
	Puducherry	16.25	-	16.25	State Subsidy Pending
	Rajasthan	3,610.07	3,449.35	160.73	State Subsidy Pending; Payment Failure
	Tamil Nadu	952.44	565.69	386.75	Under Process; Payment Failure
	Uttar Pradesh	491.12	486.75	4.36	State Subsidy Pending
	Uttarakhand	104.55	99.72	4.84	Payment Failure
2020-21 Total (Provisional)		9,725.24	8,637.89	1,087.35	
Grand Total		66,460.62	63,087.90	3,372.72	

** Cases where claims are settled have not been reported but are included in year totals*
Note : All admissible claims are being transferred electronically to the bank account of the eligible insured farmers directly or Aadhar Enabled Payment System (AEPS). However, payment failure occur due to error in banking details essential for money transfer such as mismatch in name in bank accounts, IFSC Code, Account number, dormant bank account and death of eligible insured farmer without nomination etc., in transfer of claims amount.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 392
ANSWERED ON 30/11/2021

CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY IN ODISHA

392. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is on track to achieve its goals in Odisha for construction of rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for this financial year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the targets set out for the next financial year, and the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering implementation of another phase of this scheme to link all the remaining economically backward/LWE affected areas in Odisha and the rest of the country to the core network, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

- (a) The Status of projects under various verticals of PMGSY for the State of Odisha as on 26th November, 2021 is as under: -

Vertical	Sanctioned				Completed			Balance			Cumulative Expenditure (Rs in Crore)
	Roads (Nos.)	Length (km)	Bridges (Nos.)	Value of project (Rs in Crore)	Roads (Nos.)	Length (km)	Bridges (Nos.)	Roads (Nos.)	Length (km)	Bridges (Nos.)	
PMGSY-I	15,834	61,163	530	25,946	15,530	58,382	446	304	428	84	25,533
PMGSY-II	636	3,672	30	1,698	549	3,603	20	87	53	10	1,479
RCPLWEA	48	486	2	443	23	294	0	25	191	2	278
PMGSY-III	985	6,478	71	4,032	2	207	0	983	6,272	71	378
Total:	17,503	71,799	633	32,119	16,104	62,486	466	1,399	6,944	167	27,668

In the financial year 2021-22, against a target of 2,700 km of road length, the State of Odisha has completed 290 Km as on 26th November, 2021. Against target of 326 habitations to be connected during 2021-22, the state has connected 146 habitations as on 26th November, 2021.

- (b) The target for next financial year has not been decided yet.

(c) PMGSY is a onetime intervention to provide all weather connectivity to habitations with population size 500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-Eastern States, Himalayan States and Himalayan Union Territories, Deserts and Tribal Areas as per 2001 census. As against this all sanctions have been given. Currently, works are in progress under various verticals of PMGSY and substantial expenditure is being made under the scheme every year. At present, there is no proposal for another phase of the scheme to provide connectivity to remaining unconnected habitations located in economically backward/ Left Wing Extremism affected areas in Odisha and the rest of the country apart from the dispensation mentioned above.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.620
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

COACH MANUFACTURING FACTORY

620. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans for establishing the wagon manufacturing unit in Sitalapalli, Ganjam District, Odisha, for which land has been earmarked by the State Government;**
- (b) if so, the timeframe thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) whether the Government will consider opening a coach manufacturing factory as well in Odisha as an alternative, considering the demand for coaches in the country, especially on the basis of post-COVID demand?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): Wagon Factories are set up keeping in view the Railways' overall requirement of the wagons. Existing wagon manufacturing capacity in the country is adequate. At present, there is no proposal to set up a wagon factory at Sitalapalli in Ganjam District of Odisha.

(c) A pre-requisite to setting up Railway coach factory is a sustained demand of coaches in the future. The requirement of coaches vis-à-vis available manufacturing capacity has been reviewed recently and requirement of main line coaches in near future does not justify immediately initiating construction of a new coach factory.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 894
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 02, 2021**

EXPANSION OF URBAN SETTLEMENTS

NO. 894. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NITI Ayog in its recent report, 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India' has stated that 65 per cent of the 7933 urban settlements in the country do not have any master plan and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to make sure that there is planned growth and expansion of all urban settlements;**
- (c) whether there are enough qualified town planners in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of town planners; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to integrate urban planning with other relevant national schemes such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, Smart Cities, AMRUT etc. and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1359
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

CLASSICAL STATUS TO ODISHI MUSIC

1359. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received repeated requests from the Odia community and various representatives regarding the need to give classical status to Odishi music (vocal and instrumental) classical status, so that it may popularize music and bring joy to music lovers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering granting classical status to Odishi music; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G.KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

(a & b) Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization working under M/o Culture, Government of India, has received proposals from the following in this regard:

1. Guru Gopal Chandra Panda, Founder President/ Chairman, Guru Gopal Panda Odishi Academy, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
2. Prof. P.K. Mishra, Chairman, Institute of Indian Music, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
3. Dr. Amar Patnaik, Member, Rajya Sabha

(c & d) The Government does not confer classical status to any Musical form.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.157
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2021**

PMGKAY

***157. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, considering that the effect of COVID-19 has not subsided completely, the Government plans to extend the allocation of rice to Odisha at least for the next 8 months under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Government aims to provide free pulses that were discontinued after the first phase of the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) whether migrant workers who did not possess ration cards in their destination States were extended the benefit under PMGKAY and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND TEXTILES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE
STARRED QUESTION NO.157 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2021 IN THE
LOK SABHA.**

(a): Govt of India has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for a period of another four months i.e. December, 2021 to March, 2022 (Phase-V) for all of the States/UTs including Odisha. State of Odisha has been allocated a total of 0.86 LMT wheat and 5.62 LMT Rice for these four months as additional quantity over and above NFSA allocation.

(b) Under PMGKAY-I, pulses were distributed @1 kg per household per month, free of cost, to 19.4 crore beneficiary Households as per the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), for a period of three months –April to June, 2020. Under PMGKAY-II, i.e. July to November, 2020 , 1 kg whole Chana was provided free of cost to each family per month to beneficiaries already identified under the NFSA. Thereafter, no provision has been made to provide free pulses under PMGKAY.

(c) Migrant NFSA beneficiaries have availed the free foodgrains under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) through the portability available under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan by utilizing the existing ration card of their home State. A total of 17.71 Crore transactions under PMGKAY have been recorded so far and such beneficiaries have no need to obtain new ration card in their destination State.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2010
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021

EXPANSION OF PMEGP

2010. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of loans disbursed by banks and margin money subsidy given by the Government under PMEGP to MSMEs in Odisha during the last two years, district-wise;
- (b) whether special steps are being taken by the Government through PMEGP to ensure that MSMEs have extended liquidity and support from the banking system and that their loan or moratorium period is extended, especially in Aspirational districts such as Kandhamal considering that the MSME sector is one of the worst affected sector due to various economic effects of COVID-19;
- (c) whether focus and equal opportunity is being given to women entrepreneurs under PMEGP; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

- (a): District wise number of loans given by banks for setting up micro-enterprises and Margin Money subsidy disbursed under PMEGP in the State of Odisha during the last two years is given in Annexure.
- (b): Ministry of MSME has introduced 2nd financial assistance scheme for expansion/upgradation of the existing PMEGP/REGP/MUDRA units for manufacturing and service/trading units from the year 2018-19. The maximum project cost for upgradation under manufacturing sector is Rs.1.00 crore and under service/trading sector is Rs.25.00 lakh. Maximum subsidy is 15% of the project cost (20% for NER and Hill States) i.e. Rs. 15.00 lakh in Non-NER and Rs. 20.00 lakh for NER and Hill States. The benefit of this assistance is available across the country, including aspiration districts.
- (c) & (d): Women are covered as Special Category under PMEGP and are entitled to higher rate of subsidy, i.e. 25% in urban areas and 35% in rural areas, whereas General Category beneficiaries are entitled to 15% and 25% subsidy in urban and rural areas respectively. Besides, women beneficiaries have to pay only 5% of project cost as self contribution, whereas General Category beneficiaries pay 10% of project cost as self contribution.

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As per the budgetary guidelines, Ministry is required to spend at least 30% of its budget on women. Under PMEGP, more than 40% of the total margin money subsidy is disbursed to women beneficiaries.

The number of women beneficiaries and subsidy disbursed to them under PMEGP during the last two years and current year across the country is given below:

Year	Total Margin Money disbursed (Rs. in cr.)	No. of micro-enterprises setup	Margin Money disbursed for women (Rs. in cr.)	No of micro enterprises setup by women
2019-20	1950.82	66653	822.69 (42%)	24720 (37%)
2020-21	2188.80	74415	886.74 (41%)	27285 (37%)
2021-22 [#]	605.62	19300	268.84 (42%)	7515 (39%)

[#] As on 30.11.2021

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2010 for answer on 09.12.2021

District wise, number of micro-enterprises setup and Margin Money (MM) subsidy disbursed under PMEGP in the Odisha in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Sr.	District	2019-20		2020-21	
		No. of micro enterprises	M.M (Rs. In lakhs)	No. of micro enterprises	M.M (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Angul	80	326.45	78	238.16
2	Balasore	155	342.62	203	543.34
3	Bargarh	70	233.55	99	378.1
4	Bhadrak	97	268.1	108	257.91
5	Bolangir	109	312	134	302.11
6	Boudh	37	109.8	39	144.19
7	Cuttack	136	477.41	186	536.62
8	Deogarh	39	104.91	61	145.21
9	Dhenkanal	82	310.51	100	271.07
10	Gajapati	52	100.82	37	90.11
11	Ganjam	128	588.91	170	777.94
12	Jagatsinghpur	71	226.25	78	200.45
13	Jajpur	87	254.42	123	376.26
14	Jharsuguda	42	144.44	61	138.57
15	Kalahandi	61	178.46	99	233.48
16	Kandhmal	25	59.67	60	105.59
17	Kendrapara	89	180.75	92	253.15
18	Keonjhar	68	177.59	80	191.42
19	Khurda	198	594.62	206	687.84
20	Koraput	65	143.73	86	166.84
21	Malkangiri	76	222.85	37	66.7
22	Mayurbhanj	177	512.77	210	639.8
23	Nowrangpur	75	116.87	76	128.84
24	Nayagarh	104	317.69	110	337.25
25	Nuapada	61	175.54	52	127.9
26	Puri	203	445.52	256	535.68
27	Rayagada	85	159.96	88	178.02
28	Sambalpur	63	128.38	77	179.03
29	Sonepur	97	296.86	86	265.73
30	Sundergarh	91	305.41	79	250.76
	TOTAL	2723	7816.86	3171	8748.07

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2021**

**CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF YOGA AND NATUROPATHY
(CRIYN)**

**2277. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:
SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is establishing Central Research Institutions (CRIs) of AYUSH in each State of the country and if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds provided by the Government for establishment of such CRIs along with the utilization thereof;
- (c) the status of the Central Research Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy (CRIYN) to be established in Bhubaneswar and the time by which it is likely to be completed considering that land has already been identified for the same; and
- (d) the status of the approved integrated 50 bedded AYUSH Hospital in Balasore, for which land has been identified and DPR prepared, and the expected timeframe for its completion?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) to (c): At present, there are no approved proposals for establishing Central Research Institutes of Yoga and Naturopathy (CRIYNs) anywhere in the country.

Ministry of Ayush is promoting, propagating and strengthening the system of Naturopathy by multiple interventions through its two Autonomous Bodies namely Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi and National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune.

(d): Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) through States/UTs and providing financial assistance to them for development & promotion of Ayush systems as per the proposals submitted by them in their respective State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) in accordance with the NAM guidelines.

Under NAM, Ministry of Ayush has approved a 50 bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital at Balasore District during the year 2019-20 as per the proposal submitted by Government of Odisha through SAAP. An amount of Rs. 60.00 lakhs has been released as Central share to the State Government of Odisha for the same. Implementation of the approved activities of SAAP comes under the purview of respective State Governments.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2527

ANSWERED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021/ AGRAHAYANA 22, 1943 (SAKA)

Accounts under PMJDY

2527. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of bank accounts opened and RuPay cards issued under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) till date, State-wise including Odisha;
- (b) whether a large number of these accounts (more than 10 percent) are lying dormant or inoperative and if so, the reasons therefor, and the steps being taken by the Government to rectify this and encourage usage of bank accounts under PMJDY; and
- (c) whether the beneficiaries are given access to formal credit facilities through PMJDY and if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that a proper credit delivery model is in place to suit the beneficiaries?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(DR BHAGWAT KARAD)

(a) As informed by banks, State-wise number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) along with RuPay Debit Cards issued is Annexed.

(b) As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines dated 18.02.2009, a savings account should be treated as inoperative/dormant if there are no transactions in the account for over a period of two years.

In this regard, RBI has advised Financial Literacy Centres (FLCs) and rural branches of banks to conduct outdoor financial literacy camps for customers in collaboration with ground level stakeholders at the District/ panchayat /village level. They also conduct specific camps for target audience like farmers, small entrepreneurs, Self Help Groups, senior citizens etc. including women. The Centres for Financial Literacy project of the RBI also impart financial education among adults. In addition, banks in general organise camps, to create awareness about the banking habits including the benefits of keeping the account active.

As a result of these initiatives, the share of operative PMJDY accounts has increased from 60.38% in March'17 to 85.70% in November'21.

(c) Under PMJDY, the beneficiaries can avail overdraft facility upto Rs.10,000 after fulfillment of certain minimum conditions. In addition, they can also avail credit from banks as per the extant guidelines/policy.

Annexure as referred to in part(a) of reply to Lok Sabha Q.No. 2527 for 13.12.2021			
<i>numbers in lakh(as on 24.11.2021)</i>			
S.No	State/UT	Total PMJDY Accounts	Rupay Debit Card issued
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.47	0.39
2	Andhra Pradesh	117.19	91.32
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3.73	3.09
4	Assam	199.72	107.05
5	Bihar	498.55	385.45
6	Chandigarh	2.76	1.88
7	Chhattisgarh	157.54	103.90
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	2.09	1.39
9	Delhi	50.53	41.18
10	Goa	1.69	1.16
11	Gujarat	165.28	126.67
12	Haryana	82.50	62.10
13	Himachal Pradesh	15.60	11.96
14	Jammu & Kashmir	25.26	18.51
15	Jharkhand	158.47	111.98
16	Karnataka	155.34	96.18
17	Kerala	48.64	29.29
18	Ladakh	0.21	0.19
19	Lakshadweep	0.06	0.05
20	Madhya Pradesh	364.96	297.02
21	Maharashtra	308.83	216.32
22	Manipur	10.16	6.79
23	Meghalaya	6.07	4.11
24	Mizoram	3.15	1.15
25	Nagaland	3.40	2.83
26	Odisha	181.65	140.24
27	Puducherry	1.66	1.26
28	Punjab	75.22	59.54
29	Rajasthan	305.90	241.09
30	Sikkim	0.85	0.62
31	Tamil Nadu	114.22	91.53
32	Telangana	103.87	84.17
33	Tripura	8.42	3.04
34	Uttar Pradesh	756.69	539.05
35	Uttarakhand	28.23	21.85
36	West Bengal	435.40	274.39
Total		4394.31	3178.70

Source: Banks

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2748
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2021

EXTENSION OF PHASE-II OF FAME SCHEME

2748. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES **भारी उद्योग मंत्री** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has extended the Phase-II of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles (FAME) Scheme by two years till March 31, 2024, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any of the targets set under the initial FAME Phase-II have been altered, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to increase supply of raw materials for battery manufacturing and other components, thereby reducing dependency on imports and helping electric engines to attain price parity with internal combustion engines?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

- (a):** Yes sir, the Government vide its notification has extended the scheme for a period of two years from 31st March, 2022 to 31st March, 2024, in view of Covid-19 Pandemic and based on inputs from stakeholders.
- (b):** No, Sir, the phase-II of FAME India Scheme is being implemented for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 01st April, 2019 with a total budgetary support of Rs. 10,000 crores. This phase focusses on supporting electrification of public & shared transportation and aims to support, through subsidies, 7090 e-Buses, 5 lakh e-3 Wheelers, 55000 e-4 Wheeler Passenger Cars and 10 lakh e-2 Wheelers. In addition, creation of charging infrastructure is also supported to address range anxiety among users of electric vehicles.
- (c):** Sir, following steps have been taken by the Government to reduce dependency on imports and helping electric engines to attain price parity with internal combustion engines: -
- The demand incentive for electric two wheelers has been increased to Rs. 15,000/KWh from Rs. 10,000/KWh with an increase in cap from 20% to 40% of the cost of vehicle from 11th June, 2021, thus enabling cost of Electric two wheelers at par with that of ICE two wheeler vehicles.
 - The Government on 12th May, 2021 approved a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturing of Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) in the country in order to bring down prices of battery in the country. Drop in battery price will result in cost reduction of electric vehicles.
 - Government has also approved Production Linked Incentive(PLI) scheme on 15th September, 2021 to encourage manufacturing of Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) Products for Auto sector in India.

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- iv. GST on electric vehicles has been reduced from 12% to 5%; GST on chargers/ charging stations for electric vehicles has been reduced from 18% to 5%.
- v. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) announced that battery-operated vehicles will be given green license plates and be exempted from permit requirements.
- vi. MoRTH issued a notification advising states to waive road tax on EVs, which in turn will help reduce the initial cost of EVs.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2987
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

JALESWAR-NEW DIGHA RAILWAY LINE

2987. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of Jaleswar-New Digha railway line and the timeframe within which the project is expected to be completed;**
- (b) whether the proposed railway line of Bansapani-Barbil is likely to lead to smooth movement of minerals to steel plants and ports of the State of Odisha for exports;**
- (c) if so, the time by which the same is expected to be completed;**
- (d) whether the Government in its 2016-17 budget had provided for budgetary provision and placement for the above project in the Railway Pink Book; and**
- (e) if so, the reasons for delay in implementation of the project?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3412
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th December, 2021

Awareness Campaign for Generic Medicines

3412. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Centres functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of steps being taken by the Government to ensure that medicines are consistently available at these Centres at reasonable prices, so that patients are not compelled to buy medicines at higher prices; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to enhance awareness regarding the efficacy of generic medicines and build confidence in the same?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(Dr. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**


(a): As on 12.12.2021, about 8,578 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) are functional under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) covering all districts of the country. State/Union Territory-wise list of PMBJKs is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(b): In order to make Janaushadhi medicines more accessible, Information Technology (IT) enabled End-to-End supply chain system with Point-of-Sale (PoS) application for value added services has been implemented under the scheme. The medicines to individual Kendras are supplied through three warehouses at Gurugram, Chennai and Guwahati and 39 distributors appointed across the country.

(c): Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency for the scheme spreads awareness about generic medicines through various types of advertisements such as TV, FM Radio, Auto wrapping, Cinema, Bus Brandings, State Transport Bus Stands, Digital Screen Advertisement at Railway Stations, etc. In addition, PMBI also educates the public regularly about usages of Jan Aushadhi generic medicines through various social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, etc. The Bureau also organizes seminars and workshops to spread awareness about the scheme. Further, to propagate achievements of the scheme and create awareness about its benefits Jan Aushadhi Diwas is celebrated every year on 7th March.

Appendix - II

1. Declaration of "Paika Bidroha" as the First War of Independence

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">ବିଜୁ ଜନତା ସଂସଦୀୟ ଦଳ Biju Janata Dal Parliamentary Party</h2>	
6 th December, 2021	
<p>LOK SABHA Leader Shri Pinaki Misra</p> <p>Chief Whip Prof. Achyutananda Samanta</p> <p>Depy. Chief Whip Shri Anubhav Mohanty</p> <p>RAJYA SABHA Leader Shri Prasanna Acharya</p> <p>Chief Whip Dr. Sasmit Patra</p> <p>General Secretary <u>Parliamentary Party Office</u> Dr. Amar Patnaik</p>	<p>Shri. Arjun Ram Meghwal Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Culture Government of India Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORANDUM</p> <p>Sub : Declaration of "Paika Bidroha" as the First War of Independence</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>This is to bring to your kind notice that "Paika Bidroha" also known as the Paika Rebellion took place in 1817, which was India's first organized armed rebellion against the British raj. This was the First war of Independence for India which was 40 years before the revolt of 1857, which was later termed as 1st War of Indian Independence against British Colonialism. This battle was fought under the leadership of Baxi Jagabandhu of Odisha. The legend of the heroics of Baxi Jagabandhu as well as the valiant Paikas of Odisha continues to inspire the 4.5 crore Odias since the last two centuries. It is time, that this struggle and sacrifice by a generation of Odia people got its due place in the annals of history. The Paika Bidroha led the path in energizing and mobilizing the people of India and created strong resistance against the British raj, which ultimately led to the British having to leave India and India gaining its independence from foreign rule.</p>



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On 18th July, 2017 the Odisha Cabinet of Ministers led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri. Naveen Patnaik, passed a resolution to declare Paika Bidroha as First War of Independence. On 19th July, 2017 Hon'ble CM Shri. Naveen Patnaik wrote a letter to then Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri. Rajnath Singh requesting to declare Paika Bidroha as the first war of Independence. The people of Odisha wholeheartedly supported this proposal and were overjoyed that finally the rich heritage and culture of the land of Paikas would be rightly recognised which it richly deserves.

On 20th July, 2017, a massive Bicentenary Celebration of the heroic Paika Bidroha was held at New Delhi which was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble President of India Shri. Pranab Mukherjee in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri. Naveen Patnaik. There also the demand for declaring the Paika Bidroha reverberated and echoed. People of Odisha across all walks of life were ecstatic and hopeful that Paika Bidroha would be declared as the first war of independence.

On 23rd October, 2017, the then Hon'ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development Shri. Prakash Javadekar in a press meet at Bhubaneswar announced that "Paika Bidroha will find a place as the First War of Independence against the British Rule in the history books. The students shall learn factual history of 1817." This brought great happiness to the people of Odisha that after long years of struggle and with the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri. Naveen Patnaik, finally the Centre had agreed to the proposal of Shri.



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Naveen Patnaik to declare the Paika Bidroha as the First War of Independence.

However, people of Odisha were shocked, anguished and pained when they recently came to know that the Centre had refused to declare Paika Bidroha also known as Paika Rebellion as the First War of Independence. In reply to an Unstarred Question No. 485 of 2nd December, 2021 in the Rajya Sabha, Parliament of India, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Culture, Government of India has mentioned that "Paika Rebellion cannot be called the First War of Independence." Further painful is the reply, that this historic Paika Bidroha would be reduced to just a 'case study' in the Class-8 history textbook of NCERT which deals with the 1857 event, thereby rendering this momentous Paika Bidroha just as a footnote to the 1857 event.

We, the elected people representatives of Odisha have been receiving hundreds of calls from Odias from Odisha, India and across the world who consider this reply as a slight and insult to the rich history and culture of Odisha. This is a massive damage to the "Odia Asmita, Odia Itihaas, Odia Sanskruti, Odia Sabhayata, Odia Ayitha and Odia Parampara." The 4.5 crore people of Odisha as well as proud Odias across the world are aggrieved by this grievous injury to their Odia identity and history.

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2. Universal coverage of Shelter Security with special focus on KBK & Tribal majority districts and cyclone FANI affected families.

		ବିଜୁ ଜନତା ସଂସଦୀୟ ଦଳ Biju Janata Dal Parliamentary Party
		14th December, 2021
LOK SABHA Leader Shri Pinaki Misra Chief Whip Prof. Achyutananda Samanta Depy. Chief Whip Shri Anubhav Mohanty RAJYA SABHA Leader Shri Parasanna Acharya Chief Whip Dr. Sasmit Patra General Secretary Parliamentary Party Office Dr. Amar Patnaik	Shri. Giriraj Singh Hon'ble Union Minister Ministry of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001 MEMORANDUM Sub: Universal coverage of Shelter Security with special focus on KBK & Tribal majority districts and cyclone FANI affected families. Dear Sir, On 11 th December, 2021, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha had written a letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India reiterating his earlier request to include the identified left-out eligible households under PMAY(G) in respect of districts not affected by cyclone FANI. He further requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to advise the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India to open the window of Aawaas + Mobile App for the entire State of Odisha for a period of one month in order to migrate the data of eligible Households from State developed RH Portal to Aawaas+ for PMAY(G) programme. State conducted identification through State developed RH Portal and found 5.09 Lakh eligible families in 16 districts not affected by cyclone FANI. These households are predominantly tribal's in the tribal areas and KBK districts of Western and Southern Odisha. The data of these families need to be migrated to the PWL of PMAY(G).	
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The **fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution** provides special protection to these areas as they are tribal-dominated and to facilitate their speedy development. Also, the **KBK regions of Odisha** have been very challenging and Governments have always proactively come forward to help.

We, the BJD MPs of Odisha, strongly feel that the people of Western Odisha, Scheduled areas and KBK regions of Odisha should be provided priority focus and houses should be provided to them at the earliest.


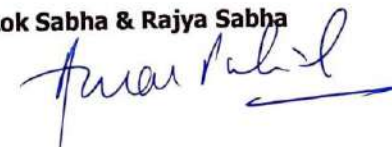
There are 1.84 Lakh families who had lost their houses in the Cyclone FANI and are staying in dilapidated house. These families are otherwise not entitled to avail normal PMAY(G) house. Hon'ble PM during his visit to Odisha in May, 2019 committed to sanction 5lakhs PMAY(G) houses to cyclone FANI affected families. PMAY-G (Special) houses to these 1.84Lakh families need to be sanctioned and the pre-requisite often listen of their name in the PWL of PMAY(G) should be waived.

There might be some more eligible families missed out during survey through Awaas+ and RH portal. Window of Awaas+ should be opened for the entire State for a period of one month to cover these families.

We hope you would kindly address our request with a sense of sympathy and look forward to your kind cooperation and support in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Biju Janata Dal MPs from Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha


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CHIEF MINISTER, ODISHA



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DO NO:UM: 1/20 25-72/CM
Date: 11-12-2021.

Dear Prime Minister Ji,

In expressing my gratitude for sanctioning 8.17 Lakh PMAY(G) houses to Odisha, I would like to draw your kind attention that the genuine left-out families of KBK and tribal dominated districts in Southern & Western Odisha will be deprived of PMAY(G) house as they have not been brought into Permanent Wait List of PMAY(G).

In order to provide justice to the genuine families of KBK and tribal dominated Districts and many families who had lost their houses in Cyclone FANI, kind intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister is requested to bring all the eligible but left out families to PWL of PMAY (G) by migrating data of these identified families from State developed RH Portal, sanctioning PMAY (G) (Special) house to FANI affected families and opening Awaas+ window to ensure universal coverage under PMAY (G).

State could not complete the identification process within the MoRD scheduled date of 07-03-2019 because of network connectivity issue in some areas, LWE violence in some pockets and pre-occupation of government machinery in preparatory work for General election-2019. Only, 35 thousand families could be registered in Awaas+ within the stipulated period.

After occurrence of cyclone FANI, State could identify 7.87 Lakh eligible HHs through Awaas+, when MoRD opened it for 14 FANI affected Districts for one month. During re-verification of the of the entire 8.22 lakh HHs identified through Awaas+, 2.63 Lakh ineligible HH were found ineligible. There would be a surplus of 2.58 lakh target as against the 5.59 lakh eligible HH in Awaas+, MoRD has allotted target of 8.17 lakh for the FY 2021-22.

State identified the eligible but left-out families in 16 districts not affected by cyclone FANI and even in FANI affected districts where some beneficiaries could not be identified within the allowed time frame. By this exercise taken up through State developed RH Portal, 6.65 lakh eligible HH could be identified. Out of it, 5.09 Lakh HHs belong to 16 other than FANI affected Districts, who can be sanctioned houses against the remaining 2.58 lakh PMAY(G) target. The data of these families captured through RH portal should be migrated to Awaas+ and subsequently to the PWL of PMAY(G).

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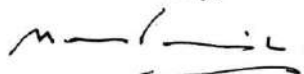
In the 14 cyclone FANI affected districts, there are 1.84 lakh HHs whose houses got damaged by cyclone FANI and who are not entitled for availing PMAY(G) house. There are 28 thousand HH, who were earlier sanctioned houses and thus ineligible for normal PMAY(G) house. The remaining 1.56 Lakh families are now separated from SECC identified families and staying in kutchha houses were not covered in the Awaas+ list. These 1.84 Lakh families should be covered under PMAY (G) Special. The pre-requisite of being in PWL for sanction of PMAY (G) should be waived for these families.

There are some eligible beneficiaries missed out during survey through Awaas+ and RH portal. Opening of Awaas+ window to cover these beneficiaries in a transparent manner is felt imperative. I had sought your kind intervention vide D.O. No. UM-01/2021- 49/CM dated 05-07-2021 to advise Ministry of Rural Development for opening Awaas+ window for one month to enlist these left-out eligible families. Hon'ble Minister, RD, GoI vide D.O. No L-11012/02/2021- RH (A/C) dated 08.09.2021 had regretted this proposal which may be re-considered.

I would request your august office to sanction 1.84 Lakh PMAY(G) (Special) houses to the cyclone FANI affected families as committed by Hon'ble Prime Minister during May 2019, to migrate 5.09 Lakh data from the RH portal list to PWL through Awaas+ and to allow opening of Awaas+ window for the entire State for a period of one month.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(NAVEEN PATNAIK)

SHRI NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister of India
New Delhi.

3. Follow-up on Lack of Rail Connectivity to Phulbani and Request for Annexe

Room No. 205, Odisha Bhawan
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14th Dec, 2021

To,

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Ji
Hon'ble Minister of Railways & Communications, Electronics and IT
Government of India
New Delhi.

Subject: Follow-up on Lack of Rail Connectivity to Phulbani and Request for Annexe

Most Respected Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw ji,

I am writing this letter to follow-up with Hon'ble Ministry under your able leadership on my request submitted to you dated 6 August 2021. I would like to draw your attention again to the lack of rail connectivity in my Parliamentary Constituency, Kandhamal and request to facilitate our demand of expediting Khurda-Balangir rail line that will connect my Parliamentary Constituency.

Enclosed: Brief on the issue of lack of rail connectivity in Kandhamal and possible solution through Annex

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Achyutananda Samanta,
Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kandhamal.

4. Gratitude for a visionary step of 4G Cover for unreachable villages in Kandhamal

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Subject: Gratitude for a visionary step of 4G Cover for unreachable villages in Kandhamal

Most Respected Shri Ashwini Vaishnav ji,

I am writing this letter to you for expressing my gratitude to you for bringing forth a revolutionary step of providing 4G connectivity in 7287 villages of India of 44 aspirational districts across 5 states out of which 1094 villages are form the aspirational district of Kandhamal. This visionary step under the able leadership of Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will be connecting the unconnected.

Sir, I have personally raised this issue during Question Hour and Zero Hour and to this effect had submitted request letters to Ex Hon'ble Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji and subsequently to you as well. It was long due and this initiative will fulfil the aspirations of our people of Kandhamal. **It is a right step in fulfilling mission of Digital India which will support educational institutions, create job opportunities and promote domestic manufacturing. This initiative will have a significant impact on promoting access to economic and social services in unconnected and Left Wing Extremism affected areas.** I once again state that I am grateful to you for taking proactive steps to provide network connectivity in the villages of Kandhamal.

Enclosed: Paper clippings on my gratitude to Union Government for Network Connectivity in Kandhamal.

Thanking you.
Yours sincerely,

Dr. Achyutananda Samanta,
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