

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Civil Aviation; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Information and Broadcasting; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Textiles; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

(नागर विमानन; पेयजल और स्वच्छता; सूचना और प्रसारण; खान; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; पंचायती राज; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; ग्रामीण विकास; पोत परिवहन; वस्त्र; जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

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Production of Lacquerware

3681. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps for setting up of Common Facility Centres with modern machinery for use by artisans in the production of lacquerware in the country including at Channapatna in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the status of the work in this regard;

(c) the programmes proposed to be conducted at the Common Facility Centres for the use of artisans;

(d) whether the Government is taking steps to allocate adequate funds for the said purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Improving Road Connectivity for Industrial Development

†3682. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments to improve road connectivity to ensure industrial development;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh for improving road connectivity during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

CBI Investigation on HHECIL

3683. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has sought information from Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation of India Limited (HHECIL) regarding availing of buyer's credit and passing on of undue benefit of difference amount between interest earned on FDRs, and interest charged by foreign banks for providing buyer's credit in respect of some bullion traders under investigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such companies;

(c) whether CBI has also directed HHECIL to stop payments of those bullion traders having completed transaction with HHECIL in the year 2014 and have not indulged in any malpractices or violated any contractual obligations; and

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

Clean Toilets

3684. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has rejected criticism of its ambitious sanitation programme by United Nation officials stating that lower caste communities had their rights violated by being left to clean toilets built in the nationwide drive;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any truth in such a comment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Expansion of Roads

3685. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run by the Government for the improvement and expansion of road networks in the States at present, State and scheme-wise;

(b) the funds allocated, released and spent on above schemes, State/district-wise;

(c) the details of work started to improve the road network in Jharkhand and Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(d) the details of National Highways (NHs) constructed by the Government in Jharkhand and Rajasthan during the last three years?

Developmental Works

†3686. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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(a) the number of proposals regarding developmental works submitted by the Government of Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the scheme-wise amount of funds involved therein and the details of the action taken thereon;

(c) whether some proposals received from the State Government have been kept pending till now and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed for disposal of the said proposals and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether developmental works are hampered due to delay in execution of proposals; and

(f) if so, the manner in which adjustment of cost overruns is done?

Operation of Flights

†3687. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the airline companies to adhere to flight schedules in view of the frequent delay in flights departing from Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(b) if so, the details of the companies to which these guidelines have been issued;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding delay in flights at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) and Mumbai International Airport;

(d) if so, the immediate steps taken by the Government to address the said problem; and

(e) the number of complaints received by the Government since the year 2015 and as on date and the action taken thereon?

Fixation of Frequency Range for FM Radio

†3688. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the frequency range fixed by the Government for FM Radio along with the radio frequency range fixed for FM radio in the villages situated near border;

(b) whether the Government proposes to announce new FM radio stations in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/
UT-wise particularly the details of stations
announced for Rajasthan?

Craft Clusters

3689. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up craft clusters in the country with innovative design, technology and capabilities for inclusive and sustainable growth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of operational craft clusters in the country including in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu along with the number of craftsmen operating in the said clusters;

(c) the details of financial and other assistance provided/utilized in setting up of craft clusters during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has evaluated the sick and closed down clusters and their financial condition;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken for improving the financial condition of the said clusters and reviving the closed clusters; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to set up more craft clusters in the country?

Contract Workers in AIR/DD

†3690. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio and Doordarshan have engaged workers on contract basis for various posts and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the terms and conditions of their engagement, category-wise;

(c) whether many of the contract workers have given long years of their service in AIR and DD and denied regular employment and basic facilities and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to regularise them and if so, the details thereof including the time-frame for the same; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the other steps taken by the Government to extend all facilities to deserving contract workers?

BRGF in Madhya Pradesh

†3691. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts included by the Government under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in Madhya Pradesh by the Government;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to State Governments under the BRGF fund;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend the instructions for inclusion of backward regions of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of SAGY

3692. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:
DR. A. SAMPATH:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:
SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages included under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) along with their population and the number of Members of Parliament (MPs) yet to identify any village under SAGY, phase-wise;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the said Yojana and if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the achievements made thereunder including the targets fixed and the number of villages developed with all facilities including banking and postal services;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide any Central assistance for successful implementation of the said Yojana and if so, the details thereof indicating the number of projects underway and the money spent thereon so far;

(d) the impediments identified in the implementation of the said Yojana along with the steps taken to overcome the impediments and to ensure its proper implementation; and

(e) the mode of financing and the operational guidelines directing the Yojana?

Ken-Betwa River Linking Project

3693. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of inter-linking of river projects in the country;

(b) whether a meeting was held some time back with the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh to discuss inter-linking of rivers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ken-Betwa Project has been discussed; and

(e) if so, the current status of this project?

Collection of Funds under DMFs

3694. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) have been established in Maharashtra as per the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether DMFs implement the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the current number of beneficiaries of PMKKKY in each district and the funds collected under DMFs; and

(d) the details of mechanism put in place by the Government to monitor the utilisation of funds collected under DMFs as per the provisions of PMKKKY?

Damaged Rural Roads and Bridges by Floods

3695. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several rural roads/bridges have been damaged and washed away due to floods in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including Sugauli-Piparpati road in Champaran district of Bihar;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for funds to repair/rebuild such flood damaged rural roads; and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(d) the details of funds made available to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during the last three years District-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to repair/rebuild the roads/bridges damaged due to floods in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

Development and Construction of Highways

†3696. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated for the development and construction of Highways in the country;

(b) the details of such ongoing highway projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the construction of these projects is being delayed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent of work completed in these projects and the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed?

Central Assistance Allocated to Kerala

3697. DR. P.K. BIJU:
SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI
TEACHER:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance allocated to the Kerala Government during each year of the Twelfth Five Year Plan for maintenance of roads and development of highways;

(b) the targets fixed by the Government during the period for this purpose;

(c) whether these targets have been achieved; and

(d) if not, the status of every target at present and the reasons for non-achievement of targets?

Assessment of MGNREGS

3698. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether currently out of the 260 permissible works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), 164 are related to agriculture and allied works;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in 2017-18, out of the Rs. 64,000 crore which were spent on MGNREGS by both the Union and the States, more than half, that is Rs. 39,000 crore was spent on such works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Urban Amenities in Rural Areas

3699. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) scheme at present and the percentage of villages where urban amenities have already been provided;

(b) the details regarding changes and amendments in the implementation of the said scheme or the current operational scheme;

(c) whether the Government proposes to involve private sector in the implementation of the said scheme and the current operational scheme;

(d) whether the States may be allowed to modify the scheme and converge it with their similarly placed schemes; and

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

De-Addiction Centre

†3700. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up de-addiction centres at Gram Panchayats level in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether new de-addiction centres have been set up in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the achievements of the said centres during the said period?

Utilisation of Defaced Land

†3701. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land brought under cover for major and small scale mining in Jharkhand along with the area out of it defaced due to mining activities during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take steps to utilize the said defaced land for agriculture, industry, forest and environment purposes; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rooftop Solar Grids in Metro/Smart Cities

3702. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up rooftop solar grids across the country, especially in metro or smart cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which they are likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for Water Supply

3703. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for sustainable water supply in water scarce areas of Saurashtra and Kutch regions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Union

Government for viability gap funding/ financial support to meet the capital cost of 4 desalination plants costing Rs.3500 crore approximately and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard so far?

Uninterrupted Power Supply

3704. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has empowered the State Electricity Boards and Private Discoms to provide uninterrupted power supply to essential establishments like hospitals, vital institutions, police establishments etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to facilitate Tamil Nadu to meet its huge power requirements; and

(d) the details of amount allocated for the same during the last three years?

Surveillance System in Toll Plazas

3705. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the video surveillance system will be operational at 10 plazas and will be extended to another 200 where daily traffic flow is more than 10,000 vehicles; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, toll plaza-wise?

Pradhan Mantri Gram Parivahan Yojana

3706. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Parivahan Yojana (PMGPY);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of the said Yojana;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce Viability Gap Funding (VGF) or the Government sharing a part of the cost for public vehicle and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a study/survey has been conducted by the Government to introduce commercial passenger vehicles (10-12 seater) service in rural areas to promote public transport system in villages and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the role of the State Governments in implementation of the said scheme along with the details of amount earmarked thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(f) whether the scheme also aims at providing new employment opportunities for skilled and semi-skilled rural youth and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve unsafe, poorly regulated, informal and unorganized rural transport system in the country?

Power Generation through various Sources

3707. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any estimate on the generation of power through various sources by the year 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the installed capacity and the present percentage of utilisation;

(c) the details of industrial, household, service sector consumption etc.; and

(d) the details of all the incomplete hydro-electric projects in the country?

Cotton Bales

3708. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has signed an agreement with China for 5,000 bales of cotton from Indian traders for the new season;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also announced an additional quota for 48 lakh bales, which it may begin procuring from July 1, 2018; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Six Laning of Bangalore-Mysore Section

3709. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made on six laning of access controlled Bangalore-Mysore section of Bangalore-Mallapuram Economic Corridor and widening to two lanes with paved shoulders from Kottigehara-Modigere handpost of NH 73 as on date;

(b) whether there has been inordinate delay in construction of these important road projects; and

(c) the timeline for the completion of construction work of these highway projects?

NHs in Rajasthan

†3710. DR. KARAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways (NHs) started and completed by the Union Government in the State of Rajasthan during the last five years; and

(b) the quantum of funds spent thereon especially for Alwar district of Rajasthan?

Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

3711. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is presently implementing Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) in the textile sector;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated under this scheme during each of the last three years and the current year?

Sanitation Workers

†3712. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sanitation workers in most of the villages in all the districts in Uttar Pradesh do not report for duty and even if they do, their work remains confined to school premises and Pradhan's office due to which state of cleanliness is very poor in villages;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in cooperation with the State Government in this regard;

(c) the number of sanitation workers deployed at the residences of the officers, district-wise; and

(d) the time by which they are likely to be sent back to the villages at their original posting and the time-limit set in this regard?

FASTag Cards

3713. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway Authority has launched FASTag cards to allow cashless payment of toll fee and facilities for non-stop movement of vehicles through toll plazas and if so, the details thereof along with the total number of FASTags that have been issued till date;

(b) whether there is any proposal to give financial concession on using of FASTag cards on NHs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his ministry has also proposed to make FASTags and vehicle tracking systems mandatory for commercial vehicles seeking a national permit;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to popularise FASTags among vehicle owners?

Success of PRIs

3714. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ
पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) System in India has not been an absolute success according to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether its functioning in all these years has demonstrated numerous shortcomings;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is full of unscientific distribution of functions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Indian Textile Products

3715. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is concerned about the lower marketing value of Indian textile products in the global market;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to promote Indian textile as a brand in the international market and develop a comprehensive and integrated Annual Marketing Plan in association with various Export Promotion Councils (EPCs); and

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

Ground Water Reserves

3716. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Delhi is facing extremely low ground water level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the principal framework under which ground water Management has been carried out;

(c) the list of top ten cities having lowest ground water reserves in India; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Delay in Flight Operations due to Rubber Deposits on Runways

3717. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rubber deposits on runway at many airports are causing delay in flight operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rubber deposits have to be removed on a war footing to avoid skidding of aircraft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Press Information Bureau

3718. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not achieved the desired objectives for which the Press Information Bureau (PIB) was constituted;

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

(c) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the functioning of PIB; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken by the Government to further strengthen the Bureau?

Panchayat Bhawans in the Country

†3719. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all villages across the country have Panchayat Bhawans;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Encroachment of Footpaths

3720. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that encroachment of footpaths are causing huge difficulties to the public and also traffic jams across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Construction of Renuka Dam

3721. SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to construct Renuka Dam in Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said dam is likely to feed Delhi also and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of hydro-power to be generated therefrom; and

(d) the timeframe fixed for its completion?

Revenue Generation from Airports

3722. SHRI KAMAKHYA
PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and spent on development/ upgradation of airports during the current financial year;

(b) the total income generated from various airports in the country, airport-wise;

(c) the details of profit/loss made by various airports in the country, airport-wise during the last three years; and

(d) the funds allocated by the Government for the development of Jorhat airport and the current status of work?

Employment on Compassionate Grounds

†3723. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Union Government which are recommended by Members of Parliament (MPs) for offering job on compassionate grounds during the year 2017-18;

(b) the number of applications out of these which are for the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes; and

(c) the number of such persons appointed on compassionate grounds so far on the recommendation of MPs including the details of compassionate grounds thereof?

Electric Crematoriums at Ghats of Ganga River

†3724. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has executed the works relating to management of waste disposal and cleaning of Ganga river actively under Namami Gange Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the level of pollution in the said river has reached to an alarming level due to cremation of dead bodies on its small and big ghats and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to State Governments from time to time over immersion of dead bodies in the river and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the situation; and

(e) the time by which the scheme to set up electric crematoriums at this river's ghats is likely to be materialized?

Activities under SBM

†3725. SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing programmes/ activities under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the total allocation made and the amount of expenditure incurred under the SBM during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments are performing as per the target; and

(d) if so, the targetted and actual number of toilets constructed in the States including Uttar Pradesh during the said period, State-wise?

Cartoon TV Channels

3726. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cartoon TV channels which have been issued licenses during the last three years and the number of channels functional out of them;

(b) the number of Cartoon TV channels which have either stopped functioning or surrendered their licences;

(c) whether watching cartoons have lasting effects on the children;

(d) if so, whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the impact of cartoon channels on them and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to regulate/limit the telecast of cartoon programmes by private channels/Doordarshan in accordance with the examination schedule of children and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Vehicles Running on Clean Fuel

†3727. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to promote the use of vehicles running on clean fuel in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any criteria in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the automobile manufacturing companies have started manufacturing such vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Environment Norms

3728. SHRIMATI RITA
TARAI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Power is aware about the revised environment norms introduced by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether meeting with/ implementing the revised modified norms including the need based retro fitting will be time consuming and will have significant impact on the power tariff, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Power and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change are considering to allow exemption from environment upgradation, if so, the details thereof?

Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway

3729. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway in Haryana has missed several deadlines for the last 14 years and is about to come into operation soon;

(b) if so, the additional escalated cost met by the Government due to the delay in completion of the project;

(c) whether the Government has also planned to establish seven Toll Plazas on this expressway when it becomes operational; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

R&D Bodies

3730. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the R&D bodies under his Ministry have been told to show results or else shut down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the status of contribution of these R&D bodies in improving the road infrastructure in the last three years; and

(e) the manner in which the academicians, researchers and policy planners and other stakeholders contributed in the last three years to the common good of improving road infrastructure?

FDI in Broadcasting Sector

3731. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any application for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in broadcasting sector after the abolition of Foreign Investment

Promotion Board (FIPB) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the application is pending in the Ministry for more than one year even after getting permission/No Objection Certificates from various Ministries and departments and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the officers are not working against the Government's policy of ease of doing business and if so, the action taken against such errant officials; and

(d) whether the officials are not ready to adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by DIPP for clearing FDI application and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Plan to Generate Power

3732. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn up a plan to generate power and make it available to all people in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether millions of people still do not have electricity connections in their homes and places of work, if so, the details thereof?

Mid Air Aircraft Incident

3733. SHRI A.

ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Air India Airbus A 319 aircraft cruising from Rajkot to Delhi with over 100 people on board recently got a depressurization warning mid air when it was at an altitude of about 10 km. or 33,000 feet, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the flight had to be brought down to a lower altitude of about 10,000 feet to enable all on board to breathe without supplementary oxygen, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the problem happened after the rubber seal of the cargo compartment broke mid air, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether oxygen masks were not deployed in the cabin, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered any inquiry into this incident ; and

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

NH and Bypass Projects in Kerala

3734. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned certain National Highways (NHs) and bypasses including ongoing projects in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and State roads declared as NHs during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the improvement works of Kollam,

Thrumangalam, Kollam-Theni and Bharanikavu-Vandiperiyar National Highways in Kerala; and

(d) the amount sanctioned for these highways?

Heavy Metals in Drinking Water

3735. PROF. SADHU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 2,139 villages have more than the permissible levels of heavy metals in drinking water in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether sanitation and drainage system in Punjab is also in very dismal condition and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government of Punjab has sought financial and other assistance from the Union Government under the Swachh Bharat Mission to improve the sanitation and drainage system in Punjab; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard, so far?

Investment in Power Sector

3736. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is likely to attract massive investments in the power generation sector in the five year period

between 2017 and 2022 for setting up projects across thermal, hydro, nuclear and renewable segment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any positive signs of foreign investment in the sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Energy Storage Mission

3737. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up an Expert Committee for the launching of the National Energy Storage Mission for the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the NITI Aayog has proposed a three-stage solution for promoting battery manufacturing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether energy storage technologies have strategic importance for the country's energy security and clean energy future and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is an urgent need to address the challenges faced by the energy storage sector in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Accidental Deaths due to Water Logging

3738. SHRI ARKA KESHARI
DEO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in accidental deaths due to water logging on roads during rainy season in the country in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to minimize these deaths in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modern Infrastructure for Sports

3739. SHRI JHINA HIKAKA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide modern infrastructure for sports in tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated to Odisha for organising the Hockey World Cup-2018 scheduled to be held in the State; and

(d) the other measures being taken by the Government to rejuvenate sports in the country?

Performance of Jute Sector

3740. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Jute Manufactures Development Council, the Jute Corporation of India, National Jute Manufactures Corporation, Jute Manufactures Council and National Centre for Jute Diversification all based in Kolkata during the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17 for better production in India and abroad; and

(b) their performance to raise the standard of living of jute growers and manufacturers and upgrading the products in West Bengal?

Inflated Bills

†3741. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether bills of expenditure of Gram Panchayat and development work are being inflated to double in Jharkhand particularly in Ranchi district, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether payment of such inflated bills are being made thereby misusing the allocated budget of Panchayati Raj in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the details of procedure and rules for effective control in this regard?

Progress of Construction of Tumkur-Honnagara Section

3742. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Government in the construction of Tumkur-Honnagara section and widening to two lanes with paved shoulders of NH-13, widening to two lanes with paved shoulders of Mudigere-Kadur section of NH-173 and construction of tunnel for Shiradi Ghat;

(b) the time by which the construction work would be initiated by the Government; and

(c) the timeline for the completion of construction work of these NH projects?

Declaration of Irrigation Projects as National Projects

†3743. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals regarding declaration of certain irrigation projects as national projects are pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals especially in respect of Rajasthan; and

(c) the action taken so far or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Promotion of Sports in Madhya Pradesh

†3744. SHRIMATI RITI
PATHAK:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medals won in various sports by Madhya Pradesh during the last four years;

(b) the details of sports training facilities created and funds allocated under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for promotion of sports in Madhya Pradesh during the said period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase participation of sportspersons from Madhya Pradesh in national and international level sports events; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Award for Encouraging the PRIs

3745. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry gives various awards for encouraging the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details of awardees during each of the last three years and the current

year along with the amount of award granted, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether many of the awards have been discontinued by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has introduced any alternative award *in lieu* of the discontinued ones, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country?

Fuel Shortage

†3746. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several thermal power plants in the country are struggling with the problem of shortage of coal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the transportation of coal is getting impacted due to the shortage in the required number of wagons, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production at thermal power plants is not getting affected due to this problem;

(d) whether the coal is not being supplied to several thermal power plants in Delhi like Badarpur, Jhajjar and Dadri in full quantity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Safe Drinking Water in SC/ST Areas

†3747. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and names of schemes being implemented in the country for providing clean drinking water in Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes dominant settlements;

(b) the percentage of works completed of the ongoing projects under the said schemes and the expected time by which the said projects are likely to be completed;

(c) the State-wise details of funds allocated/released and utilised under drinking water schemes during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the number of villages provided drinking water in Pindwara area of Rajasthan under these schemes?

Indian Textiles

3748. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken to boost the production of indigenous Indian textiles in the country;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to boost promotion and sales of indigenous Indian textiles abroad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Transmission Issues Raised by Solar Power Generating Firms/Developers

3749. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of transmission issues raised by the solar power generating firms/developers in the country;

(b) whether the demands of these firms/developers for notifying the rules relating to Inter-State Transmission System and regulations for General Network Access for renewable energy are still pending;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether these firms/developers are not able to connect to the national grid after the completion of the projects; and

(e) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to facilitate them in this regard?

Funding Pattern for Electrification

3750. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed and achievements made under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY);

(b) the details of funding pattern under the Yojana *i.e.*, Central share and State share;

(c) whether the execution of the Yojana have been found to be very slow in several States of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to issue some advisory to these States for speedier implementation of the Yojana, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Existing Roads in Kerala

3751. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop the existing roads in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Electrification in Backward Areas

3752. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of villages in the country particularly in backward areas still remain unelectrified;

(b) if so, the details of such villages,

State/UT-wise;

(c) the time by which all the villages in the country are likely to be electrified and all BPL houses are provided electricity connection;

(d) the detail of funds allocated to the States/UTs for rural/BPL electrification during last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Allocation of Funds to Maharashtra

†3753. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been allocated and released to the Government of Maharashtra/Sport Authority of Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the works undertaken in Maharashtra by utilizing the said funds;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the said works; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Integrated Sports Complex in Jharkhand

†3754. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constructed Integrated Sports Complexes in rural blocks of East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand under certain sports schemes;

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

(c) the details of the works undertaken for organisation of sports competition in rural blocks of the said districts during the last two years?

Installed Capacity of Solar Power Plants

3755. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the potential and actual installed capacity of solar power plants in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the percentage of country's domestic electricity requirement met through the solar energy;

(c) whether any comprehensive policy has been formulated by the Union Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the generation of solar energy in the country during the last three years and the current year, Year and State-wise?

Hydro Panels to Improve Drinking Water Infrastructure

3756. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes/prefers to increase the allocation for installation of solar hydro panels to improve drinking water infrastructure in Odisha ;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Power Theft

†3757. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the situation regarding transmission losses and theft of power in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Southern parts of the country especially Kerala and Gujarat suffer from lesser power cuts as compared to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has collected the detail from States and Union Territories in this regard during the last one year and the current year with a view to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of power as well as curbing the loss/theft of power; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Regulation of Web Media and News Portals

3758. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any legislation to regulate web media and news portals and for their mandatory registration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the stand of the Government to regulate the web news media?

Telecast/Broadcast of Objectionable Contents

3759. SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME

GOWDA:

SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a large number of complaints from the public against Television channels and radio stations increasingly airing alleged objectionable contents and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has finalized the complaint redressal mechanism, as advised by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the media representatives and experts on social issues would be included in the redressal committee and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the period of limitation, within which a complaint could be filed

has also been defined in details and if so, the details thereof?

Incident Management System

3760. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to introduce any 'incident management system' on the National Highways (NHs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this system includes the stationing of ambulances at every 50 kms. on every NH; and

(c) the date by which the system is expected to cover all NHs and the details of the NHs, if any, where it is currently operational?

Soil Erosion

3761. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the losses suffered by the Char districts of Assam due to soil erosion by the rivers during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of fertile soil of each district which got eroded in rivers in Assam during the said period; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the said river bank erosion?

Spending on SBM

3762. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Budgetary allocation and actual spending on Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) for each year ever since the programme has been announced;

(b) the targets fixed for each year and physical achievement made under the Mission;

(c) the State-wise break up of construction of toilets since the launch of the SBM; and

(d) the details of States and Union Territories already declared Open Defecation Free (ODF)?

Outreach of Social Security Schemes

†3763. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the benefits of most of the rural development schemes are not reaching the intended beneficiaries due in lack of proper skill related planning at rural or grassroot level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take the services of skilled youths to innovate and improve its social security schemes to tackle this issue;

(c) if so, the details of the strategy formulated by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether some states have already launched such schemes; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the social security schemes especially in remote, rural and hilly areas of the country?

Guidelines for Private Channels

†3764. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue any guidelines for private TV channels so that such channels do not hurt the feelings/emotions of people by portraying incidents in a sensational manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has put a check on those TV channels showing anti-national activities or are functioning negatively; and

(d) if so, the number of such channels blocked during the last two years?

Saubhagya

†3765. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत् मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State which have implemented Saubhagya Yojana;

(b) the details of those entitled to receive benefits under the said scheme; and

(c) the number of people benefited under the said scheme, State-wise?

New Underpasses/Over Bridges

†3766. SHRI NATUBHAI GOMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether to resolve the problem of traffic jams in the country the Government has undertaken the work of constructing new underpasses, overbridges and widening of roads on war footing;

(b) if so, the locations at which such works are being undertaken at present; and

(c) the details and number of the bridges and roads on which said work will be completed by the year 2018-19?

Iconic Heritage Sites under SBM

3767. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had identified ten most iconic heritage sites under the Swachh Bharat Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Arulmigu Shri Meenakshi Amman Temple in Madurai Tamil Nadu was one of the heritage sites identified by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Arulmigu Shri Meenakshi Amman Temple in Madurai was adjudged

the best among the ten heritage sites and if so, the details thereof?

Piped Drinking Water Projects

3768. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether piped drinking water projects have been started for providing clean drinking water in rural areas in the country and if so, the norms laid down for implementation of the said projects in the rural areas;

(b) whether the Government has started the said projects keeping in view the presence of high levels of hazardous toxic substances in the ground water in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of the said projects started in the rural areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh till date?

Status of Rural Road Projects under PMGSY

3769. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads constructed in kilometres under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned and released for the projects there under along with the status of their completion;

(c) whether roads being planned/ approved/under consideration for the upcoming projects in the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise?

NTPC Equity

3770. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTPC has acquired 27.36% equity in two power units in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NTPC has any further plans to acquire stake in any other power units in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this is being done with a view to enhance the power generation capacity of NTPC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Pancheshwar Dam

3771. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct Pancheshwar dam on river Sarada of the country which is known as Mahakali river in Nepal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any report from expert appraisal committee on its impact on environment and technical feasibility of the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought for views from Nepal in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the terms of references on water sharing and conditions of project with the counterpart in construction of the said mega-hydro project?

Grounding of Aircraft

3772. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of the European aviation regulator's order that such planes in which both Pratt and Whitney engines were of a certain quality/category be grounded immediately, some of the Airlines operating in the country have grounded A320 Neo aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of A320 Neo aircraft with one flawed engine still in operation?

Proposal from Andhra Pradesh

3773. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for provision of basic infrastructural facilities for development of sports in the State;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose to Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year?

Textile and Handicraft Policy

3774. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any Textile and Handicraft Policy during the last three years and if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up textile and handicraft clusters at various places to boost textile and handicraft industries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a big cloth/textile market in Agartala city, Tripura;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to boost textile/cloth industries in Agartala city, Tripura; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Renewable Energy Sector

3775. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the research, design and development in the renewable energy sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised for this purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has also taken any steps to incentivise firms to come up with new technologies in the renewable energy sector and if so, the details thereof?

AC Temperature

3776. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make 24 degree Celsius as the mandatory lowest default temperature setting for air conditioners within a few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has held discussions with the air conditioner manufacturers in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this initiative is being taken to save energy, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps proposed to be taken up by the Government to save electricity?

Review of the Performance of PRIs

3777. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the budgetary allocation of funds are not sufficient for PRIs and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the various deficiencies noticed in the functioning of PRIs?

Capacity Addition by NTPC

3778. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC's overall power generation capacity has reached 52,000 MW, after the commissioning of the 800 MW generating unit in its Kudgi plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NTPC is currently building an additional capacity of over 20,000 MW at multiple locations in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Bypass in Rajkot

3779. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to construct a bypass around

Rajkot in order to overcome the crisis of increasing pollution and vehicular congestion in the city;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status;

(c) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on the construction of the said bypass; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Obstacles in the Path of Flights

3780. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether forty out of 365 obstacles that are on the approach and departure path for planes at the Indira Gandhi International Airport have been removed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to undertake similar exercise to remove such obstacles in other airports in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Construction of Coastal Highways

3781. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had in June, 2015 proposed to construct coastal highways along the coast line of Odisha;

(b) if so, the details/status of the plan with respect to Odisha;

(c) the steps taken so far on this plan of building coastal highways;

(d) whether the Ministry has appointed a consultant/itself conducted any feasibility study for a Detailed Project Report;

(e) the time by which the details of this report are likely to be made public; and

(f) the specific plans/stretches/areas identified for construction of coastal highways in the State of Odisha?

Villages under NRDWP

3782. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages covered under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) since its implementation; and

(b) the manner in which the issue of groundwater contamination is being addressed under NRDWP?

Employment of Flying Professionals

3783. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau has recommended the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to ask all non scheduled operators to have a flying professional in at least one of the key posts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this was based on the findings arising out of a crash of a helicopter that killed at least five persons on board recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Bailout Packages for Airlines

3784. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not acceded to the demands of some private airlines for financial assistance/bailout packages;

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

(c) the present status thereof including of Air India?

Capacity of Dams

†3785. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared/proposes to prepare any action

plan to enhance the present capacity of the dams and canals to increase the present area under irrigation in the country especially Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the area of land likely to be benefited therefrom along with the names of such dams and canals, location-wise?

Implementation of Traffic Rules

3786. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths that have occurred in the country during the last five years due to the two wheeler riders' not wearing helmet;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the implementation of traffic rules of wearing helmets; and

(c) whether Government has specified the standard of helmets for the riders and whether they are safe and provide adequate protection and if so, the details thereof?

Additional Funds to Rajasthan under NRDWP

†3787. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to allocate additional budget to the Government of Rajasthan for payment

of outstanding claims under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be allocated; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of Roads and Highways under Bharatmala Pariyojana

3788. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads and highways to be constructed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana, State-wise including Gujarat;

(b) the allocation of funds by the Government under the scheme, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(c) the details as to the road construction activity done by the Government along with the funds utilised in the process during the last three years especially in Gujarat?

Coastal Areas Erosion

3789. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to check erosion in the coastal areas of the country; and

(b) the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilized for the purpose during the last three years along with the current status of works being undertaken on these areas, State/UT-wise?

GIS Technology for Cleaning of Ganga River

3790. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use Geographic Information System (GIS) technology for Ganga river cleaning projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which it is likely to strengthen the Ganga river cleaning projects;

(c) the details of corrective measures taken by the Government on these projects during the last three years; and

(d) the funds spent by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) so far and the details of projects under implementation at present?

NSAP

3791. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims, objectives and the salient features of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);

(b) the details of the old aged, differently abled and widows who had been benefited under the said scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any App/mechanism through which the beneficiaries can track the progress of the status of their pension under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce the same in the future and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has appointed any supervisory body for overseeing the implementation or progress of the NSAP; and

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

Allocation of Funds

3792. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to the States which are performing well in implementation of various developmental schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any guideline has been issued in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Surplus Power

3793. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government aims to make our country electricity surplus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering for reduction of electricity tariffs/prices in the domestic consumption; and

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

Construction of 8300 KM Road

3794. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.

FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to initiate work on construction of 8300 KM of roads during the next couple of months;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, State-wise including Gujarat;

(c) the funds being earmarked for the purpose;

(d) whether the States have been directed to acquire land for the said roads; and

(e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Modifications in Three Tier PRIs

3795. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that some of the States bypassed the three tier Panchayati Raj System with modifications;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to the States this move will standardize use of financial resources due to poor resource base;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in two-tier Panchayati Raj System, planning and execution of schemes will be faster; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

New Ring Roads and Bypasses

†3796. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether total of 28 new ring roads and 45 bypasses are proposed to be developed under Bharatmala road project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scientific study regarding status of traffic on the above mentioned ring roads and bypasses has been done;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total estimated cost of the projects and the target date for completion thereof?

Toll Collection

3797. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the toll collected during each of the last three years and the current year in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to discontinue the toll fees from the toll roads from which investment has already been recovered in the said State and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to waive toll tax for those residing close to NHs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to build service roads for villages especially of Hathras region adjacent to NHs and if so, the details thereof?

Handloom/Handicraft Clusters

†3798. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish handloom/handicraft clusters in Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Appointment of Serving IAS Officer as Member

3799. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati (PB) an autonomous body is still enjoying its autonomous status;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to appoint a serving IAS officer as Member (Personnel) on the board of Prasar Bharati and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of past instances in this regard and the response of Prasar Bharati thereto; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to maintain the autonomous status of Prasar Bharati?

RIDF

†3800. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated and utilized under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and project-wise;

(b) the details of the projects pending under RIDF during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete these projects in time?

Cotton Purchase

3801. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of cotton purchased by Gujarat in the year 2017-18; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Action against AirAsia India

3802. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action in AirAsia India case in which an FIR has been filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);

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

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Adarsh Gram Yojana

†3803. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Government has been successful in achieving the target of 'model village' for integrated development of the Scheduled Castes population under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) whether the selection of certain villages for development as 'model village' and leaving certain villages out of the Yojana is discriminatory and if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized under the said scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has been able to achieve the targets fully atleast thrice since the implementation of the scheme so far as defined in the scheme?

BRGF for Backward Districts

3804. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rule regarding the time limit within which the funds received by the State Governments from Backward Regions Grant Fund are to be utilized for the development of backward districts;

(b) the amount of funds granted under Backward Regions Grant Fund during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the amount out of the said grant spent so far, State-wise?

Faulty Preparation of DPR

3805. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether infrastructure projects in the road sector have suffered due to faulty preparation of Detailed Project Reports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the companies that have prepared faulty DPRs; and

(d) if so, whether any penalties have been imposed on them and if so, the details thereof?

Procurement of Electricity by PFC

3806. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has launched a pilot scheme to procure electricity under medium term agreement from commissioned power plants without Power Purchase Agreements;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for not entering into Power Purchase Agreements by PFC with the power plants;

(c) whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines/instructions to be followed by PFC and the power plants in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Airport at Jewar

3807. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present the Indira Gandhi International Airport at Delhi is handling close to 62 million passengers per year which is predicted to go up to 110 million in the next 7 years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with the Ministry to develop a new airport at Jewar near the National Capital Region with a view to ease congestion at Delhi Airport and to handle 30-50 million additional travellers per annum and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has accorded in-principle clearance for a Greenfield airport at Jewar and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the task of notifying and acquiring 3000 hectares of land for the purpose of this world-class airport has been entrusted to the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the particulars as to the cost outlay for this new airport as well as the time-frame by which it would be operational?

Penalties on the Companies for Delay in Work

3808. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has any proposal to impose penalties on the companies who are behind their project deadline, especially in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such companies; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for timely completion of projects?

Automated Centres for Assessing Fitness of Vehicles

†3809. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up automated centres for assessing the fitness of vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the locations where such centres are proposed to be set up and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the details of the provisions in this regard along with the details of the services likely to be provided at the said centres; and

(e) whether there is any numerical limit for setting up of the said vehicle fitness centres along with the time limit has been set for setting up of such centres and if so, the details thereof?

Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

3810. SHRI MALYADRI
SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any draft gazette notification about various rules in Motor Vehicles Act (MVA) on G.S.R. 643(E), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has set up any committee including various transporter associations and their views are incorporated before accepting these rules;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Corruption in Flood Relief Measures

†3811. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has devised any management policy for dealing with the problem of corruption taking place in the name of flood relief every year in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the various aspects on which the Government is working to deal with the corruption issue?

Dilapidated Condition of Bridges

3812. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two major road bridges on NH-66 at Elathur and Moorad in Calicut district are in a dilapidated and unmotorable condition, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether both these bridges are less in width leading to heavy traffic congestion, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these two bridges have inadequate safety measures including proper pedestrian passage, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details of measures are being taken to construct new and wider bridges at these two places for easy thoroughfare?

Commercialization of Sports Federations

3813. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase commercialization of various Sports Federations in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in Sports Federations; and

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

Hydel Power Projects on Mahi River

†3814. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hydel power projects proposed to be launched on Mahi river in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat including Rajasthan;

(b) the details of established capacity of these hydel power projects along with probable date of their commencement;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to complete these projects expeditiously; and

(d) the names of the agencies which are implementing the hydel power projects?

Dumping of Waste in Rivers

†3815. SHRI NAGENDRA
PRATAP SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the drains carrying waste water/materials of cities are being thrown in various rivers like Ganga and Yamuna in the country;

(b) if so, the details of works being undertaken to check it; and

(c) the reasons for not achieving the adequate results in cleanliness on the

banks of rivers despite allocation of huge funds in the name of river development?

Foreign Assistance for Safe Drinking Water

†3816. DR. RAGHU SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have submitted their proposals to the Union Government seeking foreign assistance for providing safe drinking water to all households;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the households likely to be covered under this scheme;

(d) the details of drinking water projects provided foreign assistance during each of the last four years and the amount provided to each of these projects and their current status; and

(e) the details of the funds provided to Rajasthan in this regard?

Requirement of Identity Proof for Air Passengers

3817. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued fresh guidelines with regard to identity

proof of the flyers at airports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the security aspect at airport and during flights were given adequate attention while formulating these guidelines and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is planning to make it mandatory for air passengers to furnish a unique identity at the time of flight booking, if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;

(d) whether the Union Government has also decided to set up a technical committee with representation of stakeholders to take this initiative forward; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report?

Delay in Payment of Wages under MGNREGS

3818. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether inactive Aadhaar is a reason for delay in payment of wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any measures have been taken to avoid the increasing delay in payment of wages other than delay in compensations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of information regarding delay in payment of wage statistics along with the reasons for the delay, State/UT-wise?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Trivandrum Airport

3819. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the arrivals and departures at Trivandrum International Airport are on the same floor of the modern terminal, difficulties during peak hours, especially early hours when most of the foreign carriers from West Asia operate, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that 60 check-in counters are needed and that space constraints forced the airport authorities to limit the number to 38, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that only four conveyor belts are provided at the terminal, though the volume of passengers demands at least six, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the number of aerobridges that facilitate movement of passengers to the aircraft is also not enough particularly for the disabled as there are only two aerobridges at the domestic terminal and three at the international terminal, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to remedy the aforementioned situation?

Additional Power to Panchayats

†3820. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to confer additional powers to Gram Panchayats/Gram Sabhas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the development and strengthening of villages?

Major and Non-Major Ports

†3821. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Major and Non-Major ports and private ports in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the ports out of these which have cruise ship terminals, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to build cruise ship terminals at all the remaining ports having no such terminals;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned for the purpose along with the target and time frame likely to be set therefor?

Construction of Dams for Flood Control

†3822. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) the major steps taken by the Government to control the floods affecting Bihar every year;

(b) whether any PFR/DPR has been prepared by any public sector undertakings to construct dams on these rivers for flood control/irrigation/hydel power generation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the prospective action plan prepared in this regard;

(c) whether any hydel power project in the State of more than 50 megawatt capacity is likely to be constructed and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the works to be undertaken by the Government related to construction of dams to check floods through a tie-up with Nepal?

Inclusion of Irrigation in Basic Development Infrastructure

†3823. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agriculture sector plays an important role in the economy of the country in view of India being an agriculture dominated State and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has not included irrigation in the basic development infrastructure so far on the lines of electricity, ports, airports and construction of roads;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this direction?

Subsidy Policy for Renewable Energy Sector

†3824. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated/is contemplating to initiate a better subsidy policy for renewable energy sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated/is considering to formulate a new cheap renewable energy investment policy to reduce the cost of renewable energy units;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of families in Tonk-Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan benefited by the above-mentioned policies during the last three years?

Accident Prone Stretches on NHs

3825. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether accident prone stretches have been identified on the National Highways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether National Highways Ambulance Service has been introduced along with setting up of the Trauma Centres on those stretches for providing emergency medical facilities; and

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

Setting up of Sports Academy

†3826. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
DR. KARAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Sports Academy at various locations in the country in order to promote and develop sports talent and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposals regarding setting up such Academy in various States are pending with the Union Government and if so, the details and the present status thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government provides funds to the State Governments to establish Sports Academy in their respective States/UTs;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for promotion of sports in the rural areas and whether any Government or Non-Government institutions have been entrusted with the said responsibility; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

National Highway Projects lagging behind in Target

3827. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any roadmap to set targets of awarding 20,000 km. of National Highways and constructing a total of 16420 km. in 2018-19, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is lagging behind in its ambitious target both in awarding and construction of national highway projects;

(c) if so, the details of the achievements made in the awarding of the national highway project and construction targets achieved during the past four years;

(d) the fresh initiatives taken by the Government to achieve the target to build more than 45 km. of roads per day;

(e) whether there is any monitoring group in each National Highways Authority (NHA), if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of action plan of the Union Government to achieve the targets in the construction of national highways within the stipulated period of time?

Single Tribunal for Inter-State River Water Sharing Disputes

3828. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:

SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHARAO RAUT:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government
has dissolved the Cauvery Water Disputes
Tribunals and if so, the details thereof and
the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Union Government is
aware that a number of other water dispute
tribunals/bodies are working without any
results for years and if so, the details
thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is
considering to close such tribunals/bodies
and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government is
considering to set up single tribunal for all
inter-State river water sharing disputes
across the country with a fixed timeline;
and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the
time by which the final decision is likely to
be taken in this regard?

Monitoring of DISHA Scheme

3829. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether under District
Development Coordination and
Monitoring Committee (DISHA) the
Members of Parliament (MPs) from
Lok Sabha have been nominated and if so,
the details thereof; and

(b) the names of the MPs from
Andhra Pradesh nominated to the said
Committee, District-wise?

Construction of New Airports

3830. SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any
plans for the construction of new airports
in Tamil Nadu particularly at Hosur and
Rameshwaram;

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

(c) the total estimated cost of the said
projects and the details of the funds to be
generated for the same;

(d) whether the Government has fixed
any time limit for the completion of the
said projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification Projects Funded by the Government

3831. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of POWER
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centrally funded
rural electrification projects put on hold in
Rajasthan State due to conflict over
guidelines and subsidy clarity between State
and Union Government agency
particularly in Dausa and Alwar districts;
and

(b) the steps taken by the Government
to resolve these conflicts and complete the
projects in due course ?

Requirement of Funds for Meeting Solar Power Target

3832. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
assessed the quantum of funds required
from the private sector and foreign
institutions to meet the solar power target
to install 100 GW of capacity through solar
power projects by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof including
the details of the expenditure already
incurred and the total installed capacity
created during the last three years, Year
and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has
decided to provide free solar lamps to
Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and
students in villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the
expenditure incurred during the said period
for the purpose, State-wise; and

(e) the number of beneficiaries
provided with solar lamps during the said
period, State-wise?

Funds to Power Projects

3833. SHRI MOHD. ASRARUL
HAQUE:

Will the Minister of POWER
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided
by the financial institutions for various
power projects in the country including
Bihar, project-wise during the last three
years;

(b) whether financial institutions and
banks opt/tend to finance thermal power
projects as compared to hydro power
projects;

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

(d) whether the funding pattern for
the power projects has been in line with
the New Hydro Policy, 2008 and Tariff
Policy which aim to correct the skewed
hydro-thermal ratio; and

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

Monitoring of SAGY

3834. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a
periodic monitoring mechanism to check
and ensure the proper development of

Adarsh Grams under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has any mechanism to make the Members of Parliament (MPs) aware about the 233 Government schemes that could be used to develop villages and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure larger participation of the corporate and voluntary organisations to ensure larger CSR funds for Adarsh Grams and if so, the details thereof?

Funds under NRDWP

†3835. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the funds sanctioned/allocated and utilised under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during each of the last three years and the current year along with the details of new regions proposed to be included under the Programme;

(b) whether any scheme has been sanctioned/proposed to be sanctioned/ approved by the Government under NRDWP in the country including in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Unified Vehicle Tax System

3836. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to have Unified Vehicle Tax System throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has examined the losses which may arise in the State like Kerala; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government to compensate this loss?

Use of Dual Fuel Engines

3837. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a policy for the use of dual-fuel engines which run on both petrol and ethanol/methanol in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

'Samarth' Scheme

3838. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched 'Samarth' scheme for capacity building in textile sector and to skill the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the textile sector covering the entire value chain of textiles;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the details of the benefits accrued/ likely to be accrued?

Conservation of Natural Sources of Water

†3839. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural sources of water are drying across various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan prepared by the Government for conservation of natural sources of water like lakes, ponds etc. which are getting dry continuously in the country?

Redressal of Grievances of Seafarers

3840. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to resolve the various long pending grievances of seafarers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

GST Rates on Instruments Used in Renewable Energy Projects

†3841. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making efforts to reconcile the discrepancies of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) rates on the instruments used in renewable energy projects as the GST rate on the whole small hydel electricity project are 18 per cent at present while the GST rate on generator used in it is 28 per cent and small hydel electricity project falls under renewable energy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Irrigation Capacity Under PMKSY

†3842. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) is being implemented in the country for the last several years;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the date on which it was launched in the country;

(c) whether any targets have been fixed for extending irrigation capacity under the Yojana;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total additional area of land proposed to be brought under irrigation as per the target; and

(e) the additional irrigation capacity generated in the country during the years 2014 to 2018 and the current irrigation capacity in the country, State-wise?

Water and Drainage in Toilets

3843. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly constructed toilets in rural households have adequate water and drainage facilities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the maintenance of these toilets will be the responsibility of the residents or the Government; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote behavioural change and encourage use of the new toilets constructed as opposed to the conventional practice of open defecation?

De-allocation of Power from NTPC

3844. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR
PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Power proposes to notify the de-allocation of allocated power from the upcoming NTPC stations located outside Odisha except the allocation from North Karanpura Super Thermal Plant Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Completion of Incomplete Highways

†3845. SHRIMATI JYOTI
DHURVE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working towards completion of sanctioned incomplete highways;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken so far for completion of sanctioned incomplete highways in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years till date; and

(c) the time by which such incomplete highways are likely to be completed?

Payment of Wages

†3846. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme and fixed any time frame for payment of wages to labourers engaged in Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be made effective; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop a system of payment in proportion to number of Panchayats in the country so that payment is made on time, if so, the details thereof?

between Jharkhand and North-Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Offshore Wind Energy Projects

3849. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) has called for 'Expression of Interest' (EoI) for the setting up of a 1000 MW offshore wind energy project in Gulf of Khambhat, off the coast of Gujarat which will be the first offshore wind energy project in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NIWE is planning to install the second LiDARs (Light Detection and Ranging System) project in Tamil Nadu coast by September, 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether NIWE is also planning to set up few more LiDARs for the assessment of offshore wind resources and if so, the details thereof?

Sports Research Centre

†3850. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

NRDWP in Andhra Pradesh

3847. SHRIMATI BUTTA
RENUKA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh where safe drinking water is not available as yet;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the funding for the projects being taken up under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in Kurnool District of the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any plan has been prepared for providing safe drinking water to all villages in the Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the time by which the task is expected to be accomplished?

Upgradation of Airstrips

†3848. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jharkhand Government has sent a proposal for upgradation of airstrips including Chiyanki airstrip, Daltonganj;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is taking any steps to increase air services

(a) whether there are any sports research centres for various sports like Kabaddi, Volleyball and Wrestling etc., in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of sportspersons of national and international level who have been given employment by the Government during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of such States where sports competitions are organised regularly at school/ college and block level along with the names of States which do not do this?

Development of Rivers

†3851. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for development of rivers in the country along with rejuvenation of Ganga river on the initiative of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on rejuvenation of Ganga river and development of rivers so far?

Development of Roads Infrastructure in Maharashtra

3852. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any future proposal for development of road infrastructure including National Highway projects in Maharashtra State considering its commercial/tourism importance;

(b) whether the Government proposes to rope in more private players under Public Private Partnership (PPP) for expeditious completion of the projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the steps being taken for the expeditious completion of NH projects in Maharashtra?

Piped Water Supply

†3853. SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the areas with scarcity of drinking water and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to manage the scarcity of drinking water in these areas;

(c) the State-wise number of households in which piped drinking water is supplied by the Government, State/UT-wise;

(d) the percentage of people as well as the number of households which are likely to be included under the same;

(e) the total amount of funds allocated/released and spent under the said scheme during each of the last three years

and the current year and the State-wise amount of funds likely to be spent for achieving the target of providing drinking water through pipes; and

(f) the time by which drinking water is likely to be supplied through pipes to all the households in all the villages?

Online Issuing of Driving Licence

†3854. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether driving licences are being issued online by the Transport Authority in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of licences issued online till 31st July, 2018 and the number of applications still lying pending;

(c) whether pending licences have not yet been issued by the employees of licensing authorities despite their online booking;

(d) if so, the details thereof, authority-wise, particularly of Indraprastha authority;

(e) whether the Government is taking active efforts to further streamline the system of issuing driving licences to the masses; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Maintenance Cost of VVIP Air India Flights

3855. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a proposal to enhance the expenditure for operation and maintenance of VVIP aircraft of Air India;

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

(c) the total amount spent on the annual maintenance of Air India Boeing flights used for VVIPs during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and

(d) the manner in which it would help ease financial burden of Air India?

National Water Mission

3856. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of goals envisaged including strategies identified to achieve them under the National Water Mission;

(b) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the Mission during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the goals outlined therein have been achieved;

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

(e) the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the said goals?

Identification of BPL

†3857. SHRI RAVINDER
KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any criterion to identify the people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) and if so, the details thereof along with the definition of poverty line for availing benefits under welfare schemes;

(b) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up any mechanism involving non-political persons/organisations for this purpose in each State/city and if so, the steps taken to provide its benefit to all the persons;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the number of BPL families in the country;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the number of BPL families, State/UT-wise;

(e) the date when the last survey was conducted in this regard; and

(f) whether any targets have been fixed regarding upliftment of BPL people above poverty line and if so, the details thereof and the achievements made therein?

Import Duty on Textile Products

3858. SHRI KAMALBHAN
SINGH MARABI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the import duty on over 50 textile products from fibre to apparels and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the initiative will boost domestic textiles manufacturing sector in the country and also the 'Make in India' initiative in the textile sector;

(c) whether the Government has taken any specific measures to promote textile industries in the State of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the initiatives?

**Shortage of Programme Officers
in AIR/DD**

3859. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge shortage of programme officers in the top level management of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD);

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

(c) the measures initiated by the Government to fill up these posts;

(d) whether the persons posted against the programme cadre personnel have any previous experience in actual programme production; and

(e) if not, the manner in which the Government is tackling the lack of experience in the field of such persons?

Proposals under IWMP

†3860. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals under the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) or Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including Chandrapur district of Maharashtra State during the said period, State and year-wise;

(c) the projects approved and the funds allocated to the States during the said period along with the details of proposals, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether funds are yet to be allocated for approved projects related to the State of Maharashtra during the said period and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the funds are likely to be allocated for the approved projects under WDC-PMKSY related to the State of Maharashtra?

**Infrastructure Development
at Airports**

3861. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans for massive infrastructure

development of airports in the country in the coming years involving thousands of crores of expenditure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the AAI has identified a few select airports only for such infrastructure development;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the AAI has identified Madurai airport for infrastructure development; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Swajal Scheme

3862. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Swajal Scheme launched by the Government; and

(b) the details of the areas the said scheme is likely to target across the country?

Households without Toilet Facility

3863. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the percentage of households without toilet facility at present across the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for construction of toilets during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Mishandling of Luggage at Airports

3864. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has data on the number of complaints raised by domestic passengers regarding mishandling of their luggage, if so, the details thereof for the last one year;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to reduce the incidents of mishandling of luggage;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has an estimated timeline for finalization of the draft citizen charter which provides for penalties for mishandling of luggage and if so, the details thereof?

Panipat-Khatima Highway

†3865. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR
BALYAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Panipat-Khatima Highway has been declared as National Highway;

(b) whether NOC has been obtained from concerned State Governments and if so, the date on which the same was obtained;

(c) the date on which order for DPR were issued;

(d) whether a new bypass in the same is proposed in Muzaffarnagar; and

(e) the time by which work on making the same road four lane is likely to begin?

CSR Activities

3866. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines/issued guidelines to include cotton farmers in Corporate Social Responsibility activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Cricket Stadium

3867. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct an international cricket stadium at Karnal in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) whether any representations have been received from the public representative in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Penalty for Load Shedding

3868. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently announced that power distribution companies or discoms have to pay penalty for load shedding in any area across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Aggregate Transmission and Commercial (AT&C) losses claimed by any of the discoms would not be reimbursed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of Union Government's new power policy and the time by which it is likely to be announced?

Losses by Burnt Transformers

†3869. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has estimated the financial loss caused by malfunctioning of electricity transformers in all the States and Union Territories of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering to minimise such losses along with protecting electricity transformers by using online power transformers monitoring system based on 'internet of things'; and

(d) if so, the time which same is likely to be done along with the details thereof?

National Highway No. 44

3870. SHRI NAGESH GODAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway No. 44 (old 7) four lane road work was completed in the year 2010;

(b) if so, the working agencies pertaining to packages AP-6, AP-7 and AP-8 were handed over the work in complete shape; and

(c) whether the Government proposes sliproads, service roads, side lightings and central lightings in said packages?

Mining of Iron Ore

†3871. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of companies involved in mining of iron ore in the country including Chhattisgarh, State/location-wise;

(b) whether defined rules and regulations are being followed by private companies in such mining operations and all necessary clearances from Environment and Forest department have been granted to them and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these private companies are providing basic amenities like drinking water, hospitals, schools, roads, irrigation and electricity supply in all mining affected districts and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the locations where mining lease of iron ore have been granted in the country including Chhattisgarh during the last three years along with the details of mines out of them which are in operation at present?

Public Toilets in Himachal Pradesh

3872. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of toilets in public places in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the steps taken for the maintenance of existing toilets at public places in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether steps have been taken to provide better sanitation facilities for women at public places in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Four Lane Cemented Road from Amritsar to Una

3873. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been taken any initiative to construct a 157 kilometre long four lane cemented road from Amritsar to Una in Himachal Pradesh

via Mehta, Ghuman, Tanda and Hoshiarpur at a cost of Rs. 1800 crore under National Highways Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time likely to be taken for the completion of this project?

Non-operational Airports

†3874. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL

“NISHANK”;

SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV;

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several non-operational airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to operationalise airports with the involvement of private sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to operationalize such defunct airports in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any plan to operate services from ready airports with the help of State Governments;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to improve air connectivity and infrastructure in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fixing of Responsibility for Poor Designing

†3875. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to fix any responsibility regarding corruption in construction work and poor designing and sub-standard quality of construction of roads leading to road accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this direction so far and the outcome of the steps taken in this regard?

Subsidy on Rooftop Solar Plants

†3876. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is inordinate delay in release of subsidy on rooftop solar plants for residential areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the subsidy pending to be released in respect of domestic consumers, State-wise?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Assessment of Acquired Land

3877. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE: SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE: SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the land acquired under the Central and State Government Acts which remains unutilized for a period of five years from the date of its acquisition;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of such land returned to the owner or Land Bank during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has acquired irrigated multi-cropped land across the country during the said period;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the projects for which it is acquired State/UT-wise; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure proper utilization of acquired land within the stipulated time frame under the Central and State Government Acts?

Completion of Projects under PMKSY

3878. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY: SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether various projects earlier funded under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme have been identified for completion under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the proposed deadline for completion of all the above projects;

(c) the present status of all these projects; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to revise the Central Share including the cost of establishment so as to lessen financial burden of the State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

Plantation Across National Highways

3879. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has any proposal for plantation across all the National Highways specially in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Delhi/NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the nodal agencies and partner companies;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give chance to start-ups in this plantation drive and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of procedure for allocation of work and nodal officer designated for this purpose specially in Delhi/NCR?

Progress of UDAN Scheme

†3880. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:
SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
SHRI JHINA HIKAKA:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current progress and achievements under regional air connectivity scheme, UDAN in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from Ministry of Tourism to connect some places of tourist interest under this scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the revenue earned under this scheme since its inception across the country, airport and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether air services under the scheme at some places have been discontinued, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the regional connectivity cess levied on flights between metro cities is successfully progressing and if so, the details thereof and the details of income generated for regional connectivity fund under the new cess scheme;

(f) whether the VAT on Aviation Turbine Fuel has been reduced as a part of the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of routes identified for helicopter services under UDAN, State/UT-wise?

Bidding Process for Sale of Stake in Air India

3881. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI HARISH MEENA:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:
SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASAREDDY:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:
DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether no private companies/airlines have shown Expression of Interest (EoI) in bidding for Air India despite

extension of deadline for submission of bid, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto and further action proposed in this regard;

(b) the present status of the turnaround plan which was made on a piecemeal basis and which adversely affected its financial and operational performance and forcing the airline to take loans at a higher interest rate to meet the shortfall;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review its decision to privatise or disinvest Air India and explore the possibility of an alternative to disinvestment of the national carrier, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of suggestions/requests received by the Government for not selling its stake in Air India from various Experts/Unions in the recent past along with the present status of such suggestions/requests and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the rights of the employees of Air India before announcing its stake sale in it;

(e) whether the Air India has been asked to consider its fleet requirements and see the number of planes it needed to take on lease to ensure its market share does not get eroded further and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to improve the services of Air India?

Foreign Pilots Hired by Domestic Airlines

3882. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic carriers have asked the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for any modification in the contracts of foreign pilots, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the total number of foreign pilots employed by various airlines in the country, airline-wise;

(c) whether the aviation industry is witnessing any stagnation in terms of opportunities to Indian pilots to enhance their training skills;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to replace foreign pilots with Indian pilots;

(e) whether the Government has assessed the requirement of pilots in the country by 2025, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the anticipated time-frame when all the trained foreign pilots of scheduled carriers would finally be repatriated?

Promotion of Rural Sports and Games

3883. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:
SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take steps for the protection, preservation and development of traditional/indigenous games such as Yubi Lakpi of Manipur and other rural sports in North-Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Assam?

Resettlement of Employees of Closed Mills

†3884. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revive the mills of National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement the package in regard to NTC mills of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to implement any resettlement scheme for the existing employees and workers of said mills; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Outstanding Payments to Bullion Traders

3885. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Handicrafts and Handloom Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHECIL) has blocked/withheld the long outstanding payments of bullion traders pending CBI investigations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether HHECIL has also withheld outstanding payments of bullion traders having unblemished trade records against whom there are no pending cases/ investigations;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether CBI has given their views on the withholding of payments of such bullion traders and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the HHECIL will settle the long outstanding dues of bullion traders?

Special Package for Irrigation Projects

†3886. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is paying special attention towards irrigation projects across the country particularly Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide special package to Maharashtra for Krishna-Marathwada Irrigation Project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds released for Krishna-Marathwada Irrigation Project during the last three years?

Funds through Assets Monetisation Programme

†3887. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO
RAUT:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India had given green signal to National Highways Authority of India to raise funds through Asset Monetization Programme;

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

(c) whether the Union Government has appointed Deloitte India to study forthcoming packages of highways under Toll, Operate and Transfer (TOT);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Deloitte India has given suggestions to invite bids for forthcoming projects;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the National Highways Authority has identified highway projects that could be put up for auction under TOT;

(h) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and Bundelkhand; and

(i) the number of national highways that will be put on auction by National Highways Authority of India over the next few months?

**Status of
Handloom Sector**

†3888. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report on the Status of Handloom Sector issued by the Textile Ministry in June, 2017 the physical progress under the Mill Gate Price Scheme in Maharashtra and other States is declining year by year with wide variation in the ratio of financial and actual progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the years during which unanticipated variability in the ratio of physical and financial progress was observed along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to resolve the said issue?

Electrification in Bihar

†3889. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several rural areas in Sheohar district of Bihar have not been electrified yet;

(b) if so, the number of villages of the said district that have not electrified so far; and

(c) the steps being taken for electrification of all villages of the said district?

**Road Design and Signage on
Expressways**

†3890. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received reports of disregard of road design and road signage on expressways, particularly in the recently constructed Delhi-Meerut Expressway cum Highway and Eastern Peripheral Expressway giving rise to an increased in the probability of accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of accidents that have taken place thereon so far; and

(d) whether the Government has prepared any effective mechanism to correct the mistakes and prevent accidents, if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Artisans

3891. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of artisans in the country including in Odisha and the number of groups in which they are working in the country including Odisha, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to such groups of artisans; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Solar Energy

†3892. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes being implemented by the Union Government to promote solar energy in Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) the quantum of funds provided to the State under the above-mentioned schemes during the last two years;

(c) whether the Union Government has proposed any provision of subsidy for use of solar energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Road Construction under
PMGSY in Kerala**

3893. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Kerala during the last five years;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated to the State and utilized for the same;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to sanction more roads to Kerala under PMGSY;

(d) whether the Union Government received any request from the State of Kerala regarding this; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Scrapping of Old Vehicles

3894. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to come out with a policy to scrap 15 years old vehicles in the country as a measure to reduce pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a 15 year old vehicle which meets non-polluting standard will also be scrapped, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government will provide some incentive to the owners for scrapping their old vehicles, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether this policy will be implemented only in Metro cities, where pollution is very high or throughout the country, if so, the details thereof?

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Permanent Bridge Fee Fund

3895. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Permanent Bridge Fee Fund (PBFF); and

(b) the details and number of projects that have been sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra under PBFF during each of the last five years, year-wise?

Strike by Transporters

†3896. SHRI RAKESH SINGH: SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether transporters have threatened to go on strike in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has organised any dialogue in this regard with the office bearers of Transport Unions;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether their demands are under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

Operational Facilities at Calicut Airport

3897. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ground fire category 8 of Calicut airport has been reduced to 7, while sufficient number of fire personnel are available for maintaining station of category 8, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is aware of the views of airport management on curtailing the operational facilities at Calicut airport and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government may consider the hardships being faced by air passengers, particularly the migrants due to the decision to reduce the fire category to 7 which would adversely affect the on-going effort to accommodate CODE 'E' flights at Calicut airport and if so, the details thereof?

National Sports Development Code of India

3898. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Sports Development Code of India (NSDCI) is not being followed by all the sports bodies in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of sports bodies found to be following and those not following the provisions of NSDCI in the country;

(c) the details of action taken against specific cases of violation of NSDCI, during the last five years and the current year; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure compliance of NSDCI by all the sports bodies in the country?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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Royalty Rates of Minerals

†3899. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criteria fixed for deciding the royalty rates are complied with by the Government while leasing mineral estates to private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and comparative figures of royalty rates in India and other countries during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether approval of Gram Sabha is being obtained for acquiring land under Panchayats Act, 1996 and Forest Rights Act, 2006 to grant mineral concessions and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the cases of violations detected in this regard during the said period as on date; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

New Scheme of NTPC

3900. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new scheme of the Government allowing thermal power generation companies to blend renewable energy to meet their existing contractual supply obligation may raise returns on equity for implementing power plants by 100-200 basis months, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether companies such as NTPC having coal dominated portfolios would

benefit from it by neutralizing the perceived threat by competitive renewable power, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NTPC would gain more from the move as most of its power purchase agreements are on a cost plus basis, contrary to its private sector counterparts which have shifted largely to competitive bidding for tariff discovery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Treated Sewage Water by NTPC

3901. SHRIMATI K.

MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTPC has signed pact with several authorities and local bodies to use treated sewage water for its thermal plants across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NTPC is pro-active towards continued environment conservation through adoption of the latest technologies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

RRR of Water Bodies

3902. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds under the scheme of Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR)

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

of water bodies in Karnataka during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details including the basic features thereof;

(c) the total financial assistance provided to the State during the said period, year-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has provided any other special component funds from Centre as well as external assistance for the enhancement of water catchment capacity in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof?

Domestic Solar Power Industry

3903. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has achieved a record low solar power tariff per unit in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country's domestic solar industry has suffered serious injury, considering overall performance such as market share and profitability in the recent years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has imposed duty for two years on solar cells and modules imported from China and Malaysia recently and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure that the domestic solar industry is not affected by the increase in solar power tariffs due to imposition of duty and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to produce solar cells and modules at cheaper rates in the country?

Indore-Ahmedabad Four Lane Highway

†3904. SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA:
Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to construct the Indore-Ahmedabad four lane highway;

(b) if so, the present estimated cost of the above mentioned project;

(c) whether task of land acquisition and other formalities have been completed for the project and if so, the present status of the project;

(d) whether no work has been done on the Sardarpur and Machhila Ghat section of the said highway and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there is inordinate delay in the completion of the project and if so, the reasons therefor?

Electrification in Uttar Pradesh

†3905. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the villages which have been electrified during the last two years in the country along with the number of remaining villages which are yet to be electrified;

(b) the district-wise details of remaining villages in Uttar Pradesh along with the time by which electrification is likely to be completed there;

(c) the number of people belonging to BPL category in Uttar Pradesh who have been provided connection free of cost; and

(d) the number of villages in Kanpur city and Dehat which have been electrified during the last two years and the number of free connections provided to BPL category?

Irregularities in Health Insurance Scheme

†3906. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of bungling and irregularities have come to the notice of the Government under the Health Insurance Scheme for weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of financial assistance provided for welfare of weavers to the

handloom industry by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to strengthen and make the Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS) more effective for supplying yarn to the weavers?

Electrification of Remaining Villages

3907. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the capacity to provide the remaining villages with power by the end of the year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken to provide electricity to the remaining 2.67 crore villages by the end of the year?

Accountability Framework for Rural Development

3908. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has developed an accountability framework for all its programmes through the multi-pronged framework of Social Audit, Financial Audit, Geo-tagging and use of IT-DBT and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any advisory Group on internal audit has been set up to suggest

system for continuous improvement in implementation of schemes and their better compliance and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch a certificate programme on internal audit for retired and serving accounts officers and other Government servants and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also proposed to launch a certificate programme on social audit for women Self Help Group members and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether his Ministry has introduced a system of Common Review Mission (CRM) to assess the progress of schemes in States and if so, the details thereof?

MGNREGS in Drought Affected States

3909. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken & criteria adopted for drought affected districts like Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

(MGNREGS) during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the steps being taken to relax or increase the number of persondays in drought affected areas in Andhra Pradesh?

Safety of Airliners

3910. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI PR. SETHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI
MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any safety measures and programmes to enhance and ensure safety of airliners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of Indian Airlines operating in both domestic and international sector and the number of fleets in operation of each airline;

(d) whether the Government has taken any serious note of old aircraft being operated by certain airlines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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