

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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Fund Crunch in MGNREGS

691. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is facing a severe fund crunch and faces difficulties in meeting the demand for work and paying wages on time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 250 law-makers and activists have written to the Prime Minister raising concerns over implementation of the MGNREGS;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether there is urgent need for strengthening of MGNREGS amid a situation of distress across rural India with massive unemployment and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the living conditions of rural workers across the country?

DDU-GKY

692. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to impart Skill Development Training to the rural youth living in Naxal-infested and Terrorism-affected areas under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of such persons proposed to be given skill development training in the current financial year under the DDU-GKY, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to impart training in Information Technology for the skill development of rural youth; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Names of Women Farmers in Land Records

693. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the guidelines to enable women farmers' names in the land records so as to enable them to get proper benefits of Centrally sponsored schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Details of Various Schemes

†694. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports since the year 2014 till date along

with the details of the targets set and achieved thereunder, year-wise;

(b) the details of the proposals received from various States/UTs along with the proposals approved by the Ministry under these schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for implementation of various schemes under the Ministry during the said period, State/UT/year-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has set any time-limit for completion/implementation of pending schemes and if so, the details thereof?

National Rural Livelihoods Mission

695. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes like National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) and National Health Mission (NHM) have been utilised and proved to be successful in improving the basic amenities like health conditions etc. of the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people benefited from the same, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Environment/Social Impact Assessment of National Inland Waterway-1

696. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an environment clearance was obtained for the National Inland Waterway No. 1 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a Social and an Environment Impact Assessment of the proposed project was conducted and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of negative impacts of the said project on the ecology of Ganga river or the local human population inhabiting the surrounding area, if any?

Slow Progress in NH Projects

697. SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that a number of highway projects are moving at a snails pace due to low funding across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of ongoing/pending projects/upgradation work in highways in Tamil Nadu?

Film Festivals of Regional Languages

698. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various regional languages film festivals are organized in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the regional film festivals organized during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the total expenditure incurred for the said purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to film-makers whose films are selected in competition section of an International Film Festival;

(e) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, Film-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the regional language films in the country as well as at international level?

Kisan TV

699. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the number of telecasting centres established by the Government for Kisan TV in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the number of research related programmes in agriculture, telecasted in Kisan TV is less and even

Kisan TV is not available to people who avail private DTH companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to telecast Kisan TV channel to all parts of the country particularly in rural areas?

Allocation of Funds to Sports Federations

700. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by the Government to the recognized sports federations in the country since 2014, year and federation-wise;

(b) the percentage of utilization of these funds by the sports federations during the said period, year and federation-wise;

(c) whether any instances of misuse of funds by NSFs have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon by the Government;

(d) whether the Government undertakes an audit of these sports federations on an annual basis and if so, whether any cases of financial mismanagement have been discovered;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to rectify such instances of mismanagement; and

(f) whether NSFs have not paid adequate attention to the promotion of

women players in various sports including cricket and if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Power Production

†701. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made progress in area of power production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme to increase more power production; and

(d) if so, the areas and States in which action plan of power production has been decided?

Rubberized-Bitumen for Construction

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

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of rubberized roads constructed in the country during the last

three years and the current year, State-wise along with the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the difference between bituminous and rubberized roads and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government/National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are contemplating to use rubberized bitumen in the construction of National Highway roads in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether most of the roads under NHAI are in bad condition leading to fatal accidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government to construct quality roads in the country?

Investigation by CBI

†703. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is investigating the corruption case worth crores in National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether top officials of NHDC and weaver organizations are indirectly opposing CBI investigation through various mediums including protest etc.; and

(d) the response of the Government in this regard?

Facilities to Para-Athletes

704. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide world class facilities to para-athletes to train them for various International competitions including Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up facilities for rehabilitation, fitness training and sports science for para-athletes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the para-athletes are given assistance under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) or any other scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken by the Government to make the existing stadiums, training centres and other sport facilities more accessible to the para-athletes?

Tender to Travelport

705. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the notification of tender— the tender number, prerequisites for prospective bidders, evaluation criteria, conflict of interest provision etc. in the G.D.S. tender which has been exclusively

awarded to Travelport as per notification from Air India dated 13th October 2018;

(b) the list of all bidders who had bid in said tender which has been awarded to Travelport;

(c) whether a sole and exclusive criteria exists for awarding such a tender and whether other major airlines in the world do such exclusive G.D.S. awards;

(d) the details of communication informing bidders on whether they are successful or not; and

(e) whether the previous management of Air India categorically mention that G.D.S. can not be a tender decision and hence there should be no tender for G.D.S. partnership?

Setting up of New TV and Radio Channels

706. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to setup new TV and Radio channels in the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of how such TV and Radio channels will be managed and operated;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to extend the coverage of Doordarshan and All India Radio in the newly formed districts of Telangana State; and

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

Tariff Payable to Service Providers

707. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently notified the changes/revision of Tariff payable to the service providers to view each Television Channel (Pay Channel) as per the choice of subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which new tariff will come into force;

(d) whether the Government has appointed any supervisory body for proper implementation of the new tariff; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

National Highways Accidents Relief Service Scheme

†708. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received requests from the States/UTs to provide cranes and ambulances under 'National Highways Accidents Relief Service Scheme' during the last three years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cranes and ambulances provided to the States/UTs during the said period;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to launch a Trauma Attendant

Mobile Vehicle/Two Wheeler Vehicle Service with the name of 'First Respond' to provide an emergency medical care to the victims of road accidents in the entire country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided?

Navigable Waterways

709. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain inland waterways projects have been sanctioned by the Government in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of navigable waterways identified by the Government for commercial transportation in the State and the number of MoUs signed with ports trusts and companies;

(c) the funds sanctioned by the Government for the said projects; and

(d) the details of cargo handled through inland waterways during each of the last three years, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Hub and Spoke Facility at Rajkot Airport

710. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to start a Hub & Spoke facility at Rajkot Airport to facilitate the passengers who are travelling abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilisation of Funds by Panchayats

†711. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any provisions with regard to action to be taken against such Gram Panchayats which are not utilising the funds provided to them under the 14th Finance Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time limit is prescribed to utilise the said funds and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action to be taken against the Gram Panchayat failing to utilise the said funds within the prescribed time frame?

Measures to Improve Passenger Amenities

712. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made during the last three years to improve the arrival and departure of flights on time;

(b) whether any new mechanism have been adopted to avoid delay of flights;

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

(d) the measures undertaken during the last three years to improve the passenger amenities at airports across the country?

Overbridge on NH Passing through Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand

†713. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for construction of over bridges on National Highways passing through Sahibganj, Pakur, Godda and Dumka district under Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand are pending with the Union Government at present along with the number of over bridges proposed to be constructed thereunder;

(b) the names of locations where over bridges are proposed to be constructed; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government for early disposal of said pending Projects?

Penalty for Denying Seats on Confirmed Tickets

714. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has

asked the airlines to pay for denying seats to those with confirmed tickets due to overbooking?

Cancellation of Air Operation Licences

715. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air operation licenses that have been cancelled by the Government in the last five years in the country, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) if so, the details of its impact on passengers;

(c) whether the National Civil Aviation policy envisages promotion of regional connectivity and to what extent such cancellation of license has impacted the regional connectivity in the country, especially in Odisha; and

(d) whether Jaharsuguda airport in Odisha has been inaugurated recently and if so, the number of passenger aircrafts that have started operating from there?

Non-Acceptance of Indian Currency by Indigo Airline

716. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the news that Indigo Airlines is not accepting Indian currency for meals and merchandise on international flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the RBI guidelines restricts the use of Indian currency for purchases of meals, etc. on international flights;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry has taken up this issue with the concerned Airlines as well as Ministry of Finance;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of Films

†717. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals for review of films;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of proposals; and

(c) the details of the considerations made by the Government on those proposals?

Closure of Aakashvani National News Channel

718. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to close the Aakashvani National News Channel;

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

(c) whether the Federation of Journalists have requested the Government to review its decision;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the stand/reaction of the Government thereto?

DD-Arunprabha

719. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAMA
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for commissioning of Programmes for Doordarshan (DD)-Arunprabha were invited on the DD Website/Newspapers in December 2016 and if so, the details thereof including proposals received for the same;

(b) whether any screening committee was formed to scrutinize and short-listing of above proposals and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prasar Bharati has further constituted any Evaluation Committee to select proposals for commissioning category for DD-Arunprabha out of these proposals and if so, the details thereof along with the list of selected proposals under open competition;

(d) the details of proposals given for permission to shoot the programme in this regard; and

(e) the details of proposals yet to be given for the said purpose and the time by which the permission letters are likely to be issued?

Improvement of Operational Efficiency

†720. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airlines in the country have taken several steps to make improvement in their operational efficiency as a result of which their revenue and income have increased and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether new air services have been introduced in various cities of the country during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to make air travel cheaper in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Greenfield Highways to connect Industrial Hubs

721. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has projects specifically aimed at bridging critical infrastructure gaps through the

development of economic corridors, so-called inter-corridors and feeder routes, border and international connectivity roads, coastal and port connectivity roads and Greenfield expressways across the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) whether such projects are much delayed and the time by which the above new highways are likely to be constructed?

NHs in Karnataka

722. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total length of NHs increased from about 91287 km in 2014 to about 131326 km at present ;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from the Government of Karnataka for declaration of State Highways (SHs) as new National Highways during the last four years, if so, the details thereof, year-wise ;

(c) the details of new NHs declared during the last four years and the current year in Karnataka ;

(d) the length of State Highways approved "IN-PRINCIPLE" for their declaration as new NHs subject to outcome of their DPRs in Karnataka during the last four years, year-wise ; and

(e) the status of construction of SHs as new NHs : Karkala-Moodbidri-BC Road; BC Road-Kateel-Mulki Road, Sringeri-

Balehonnur-Nadipur and Kundapur-Agumbe-Sringeri Road?

Regulations for Axle Load

723. DR. K. GOPAL:
ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to increase the axle loads after taking into consideration the qualitative and quantitative changes in National Highways as well as reforms in heavy automobiles and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the automobile technology and road construction quality has improved considerably;

(c) whether there is a need to harmonise axle loads with international standards and the Government has made changes to regulations governing it;

(d) whether the requirement for annual fitness certificates to trucks have been done away with and these certificates now need to be only renewed every two years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Status of PMAY in Andhra Pradesh

724. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during the last three years;

(b) the names of districts in the State covered under the said Yojana; and

(c) the number of houses constructed/likely to be constructed in East and West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh under the said Yojana?

Need for Comprehensive Aviation Infrastructure Plans

725. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India needs a comprehensive aviation infrastructure overhaul as air traffic is booming;

(b) whether it is also true that developing airports like real estate business is doomed to fail;

(c) whether it is also true that the airports need to be developed first and foremost as a catalyst for economic development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Drinking Water Facilities in Schools

†726. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government to provide drinking water facilities in the schools located in rural areas;

(b) whether any targets have been fixed during the last Five Year plan to provide drinking water facilities in these schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the State-wise achievements made in this regard during the said period;

(d) whether the fixed targets could not be achieved in many States;

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

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to achieve the targets?

Seaplane Service on Ganga River

727. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start seaplane and helicopter services on 1680 km. length of the Ganga river for passenger transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposals to start such services from other areas also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Gas based Power Plants

728. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several gas based power plants have been stranded;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, along with the action taken thereto;

(c) whether any subsidies and tax concessions are being offered to those plants and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is now planning to revive 25 GW stranded gas based capacity to push consumption of the fuel and transform the nation into a gas based economy; and

(e) the time by when a decision in the matter will be taken?

Average Consumption of Coal

729. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coal based thermal power plants in the country as on date and their average per day consumption/requirement of coal for their operations;

(b) the average coal stock availability for these plants in terms of coal availability for number of operative days at present ; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase coal and coal stock availability for thermal power plants?

Construction of Barhi- Koderma Section of NH-31

†730. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has approved the construction of road for Barhi-Koderma section of National Highway-31 in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be completed and the estimated cost of this project?

Details regarding NRDWP

731. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, funds released and funds utilised under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) from the year 2014 to 2018, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of the percentage of the population in the State of Assam that does not have access to safe and portable drinking water from the year 2014 to 2018; and

(c) the details of the percentage of Government schools and Anganwadi Centres with access to safe and portable drinking water under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme from the year 2014 to 2018, State-wise and year-wise ?

Loan Agreement with ADB

732. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has inked Loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Programme if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the programme will develop climate-resilient sewerage collection and treatment and drainage systems;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether under it Country's first solar-powered sewage treatment plant will be installed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with location selected for the plant?

Load Carrying Capacity of Heavy Vehicles

733. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the load carrying capacities of heavy vehicles, including trucks have been increased by 20-25 per cent at par with global standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would help in reducing logistics costs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Road Connectivity in Rajasthan

†734. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages and Dhanis of Rajasthan have been connected with approach roads, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the number of villages and Dhanis yet to be connected with approach roads and the time by which this work is likely to be completed, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any remedial measures have been adopted by the Government to ensure the monitoring of specific requirements during the construction of roads in the villages; and

(d) if so, the details in respect of Tonk and Sawai Madhopur district?

Study on Recent Floods

735. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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 studied or constituted an expert panel to study the recent flood induced aquatic changes in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any requests in this regard from the State Government and the public;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Union Government has noted the issue with due importance

and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve the situation?

Community Toilets in AP

736. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh is focusing on construction of community toilets in select villages of Vizianagaram, Anantapur and Srikakulam districts as many people are unable to construct toilets at their houses due to space constraints, if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance being provided to AP State by Union Government since the inception of the scheme, year and district-wise in the State;

(b) the details of the construction of individual and community toilets in select villages as part of the steps to achieve 100% 'Open Defecation Free' (ODF) status for the districts by February, 2018 in AP State;

(c) whether the construction of individual toilets had been going on smoothly in tribal areas too in Andhra Pradesh including Araku, Paderu and other areas, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the funds sanctioned/spent for the ODF in tribal areas since inception of the scheme in AP State?

Conversion of Public Vehicles into e-Vehicles

†737. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to convert public vehicles running on petrol and diesel into electric vehicles;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and

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

FM Radio Stations

738. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of FM radio stations that have been made operational during the last four years, State-wise;

(b) whether FM radio stations proposed in Nabarangpur and Malkangiri districts of Odisha are made operational and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which these are likely to be operational?

Inspection of Silt in Ganga River

†739. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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 conducted any inspection of the silt deposited in Ganga river particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any report of the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has also been included in the work of inspection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Multi-modal Logistics Parks

740. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning a network of 35 multi-modal logistics parks with the aim to improve the country's logistics sector by lowering overall freight costs, reducing vehicular pollution and congestion and cutting warehousing costs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also identified the locations for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and expected funds required for this purpose?

Sustainable Growth of Indian Airlines

741. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details to ensure sustainable growth for the Indian aviation sector given the increasing reported losses by major carriers;

(b) whether the Government plans to help the air carriers to obtain unsecured credit line from OMCs (Oil Marketing Companies) as well as airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Creation of Indian Sports Services

742. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Indian Sports Service to streamline the sports administration in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has chalked out any roadmap in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accessibility of Drinking Water

743. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of households in the country which have to travel more than half a kilometre to fetch drinking water;

(b) whether it is a fact that over 20 per cent of Indians get their water from unsafe sources including untreated sources from the tap and uncovered wells;

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

(d) whether it is a fact that less than 5 per cent of households get their drinking water from the tap; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to supply safe drinking water in every household in rural India?

Review of Drinking Water Schemes

744. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of drinking water schemes and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding funds required for various States/Union Territories, including Kerala to provide safe drinking water for all and if so, the details and the findings thereof?

Renting Out Old Airport Terminal

745. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to provide old airport terminals for events on a rental basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move will fetch the Government additional revenue from many parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Flood Management

746. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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 detailed developments which have occurred under the agreement between Central Water Commission and Google for effective flood management;

(b) the number of current flood assessment centres set up in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Central Water Commission's flood monitoring and forecast dissemination was able to accurately predict the floods in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof by indicating the number of advance days in this regard?

GI Status

747. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only one embroidery product in Punjab has been granted Geographical Indication (GI) status, if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase awareness about GI tags for textile products, especially in Punjab; and

(c) the details of the number of traditional products in India which have a GI tag, State-wise?

Release of Funds from NSDF

748. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target sports which have received funds from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) during the last four years;

(b) the distribution of funds released from NSDF for Andhra Pradesh during the said period, Sport-wise; and

(c) the details of infrastructure created at the district level in Andhra Pradesh utilizing the said fund?

Drinking Water Facility in Villages of Delhi

749. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether each village in Delhi has infrastructure for door to door water supply, if so, the steps taken to provide door to door water supply in rural areas of Delhi in the last four years; and

(b) whether every village in Delhi has infrastructure for providing the people access to clean drinking water and if so, the details thereof?

Check Gates and Toll Gates on NHs

750. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the detail criteria of establishment of various check gates on National Highways (NHs) including toll gates throughout the country;

(b) whether the gates established by the State Governments have been notified by the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of gates existing on the NHs, State/UT-wise including Assam?

Transfer Orders of Employees of Prasar Bharati

†751. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is rule to obtain permission from the Administrative

Department of the Ministry to get stay order from the Hon'ble Court against the transfer orders of the employees of Prasar Bharati of Delhi to outside Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the employees who have sought permission along with those who have not sought permission, Employee-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against such employees who have not sought permission from the administration to file petition and to get stay order from the Hon'ble Court?

Funds Released under various Schemes

†752. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released to Sonepat in Haryana and Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of this Ministry, Scheme-wise;

(b) whether the funds released have been utilized under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which the work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the details of the works pending along with the reasons therefor?

Airport in Gujarat

†753. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation has signed any agreement or formulated any scheme with Airports Authority of India;

(b) the number of small and big airports constructed in Gujarat under this scheme; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop small airports?

Bid to Host Olympics

†754. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bid for hosting/organising Olympic games in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of infrastructure facilities required for organising the Olympic games in the country?

GPS Tracking System for Vehicles

755. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made it mandatory to have GPS for all the public transport vehicles barring three wheelers and e-rickshaws *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether most of the States have not done much work on this issue, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any meeting with the States was held recently to implement the project;

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government and the steps taken or being taken by the Government in consultation with the States to implement the project; and

(e) whether the Union Government proposes to notify and make mandatory for all public vehicles to be equipped with GPS tracking device for safe transportation specially for children & women and if so, the details thereof?

Details regarding NWQSM

756. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of objectives and salient features of the National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) under National Rural Drinking Water Programme;

(b) whether the State of Kerala is covered under the NWQSM; and

(c) if so, give details, including the names of the projects being implemented under the NWQSM and the funds allocated so far, district-wise and amount-wise?

Details regarding Artisans

†757. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of artisans in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of the welfare development programmes/schemes launched for the artisans;

(c) whether there is any problem in the implementation of the development programmes/schemes for artisans;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

PMGSY

†758. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a majority of the work approved under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have not been completed due to forest related rules and have been cancelled;

(b) if so, the details thereof in respect of Narmada and Bharuch district of Gujarat;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide civic amenities like housing and road in tribal areas of the country;

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government to relax the rules proving a hindrance in implementation of the said yojana; and

(e) the outcome thereto?

Construction of NHs

759. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is constantly reviewing National Highways (NHs) works across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether more than 300 projects were identified which will be over by 2019, achieving the highest ever construction in the financial year 2018-19, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of States where more NHs have been constructed during the last 4 years;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to improve the construction rate of the delayed projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of NH 58-E

†760. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started work of National Highway (NH) No. 58-E smoothly;

(b) if so, the details of the amount allocated for this highway;

(c) whether compensation has been provided to the people whose lands were acquired to construct this highway;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which the compensation will be provided to people who haven't received it so far; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Setu-Bharatam Programme

†761. 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 launched Setu-Bharatam Programme for construction of bridges and over bridges on national highways across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide grants to States and Union Territories for development of roads and bridges under the schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for providing funds under the said scheme;

(d) the details of proposals submitted by various State Governments in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(e) the details of sanctioned construction work in the country, project/ State-wise; and

(f) the details of the expenditure incurred on construction and maintenance of bridges and new bridges on National Highways in the country during the last three years, State-wise?

Payment of Recoveries to NHDC Ltd.

†762. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the payment of various recoveries has not been made to National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. (NHDC);

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

(c) if not, the reasons for no recovery till date; and

(d) the number of Officers held responsible in this regard along with the details of action taken against them?

Air Services by Private and Public Sectors

763. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new sectors in which private and public sector service providers have been given permission by the Government of India to provide air services in order to promote air travel during the last five years;

(b) the details of travel routes for which these permissions have been given;

(c) the increase in number of air passengers recorded during the last five years; and

(d) the expected increase in this number by the year, 2020?

Investment in Energy Sector

†764. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for investment in the Renewable Energy Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of allocated fund spent on the renewable energy schemes during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the target fixed in terms of Megawatt for the renewable energy production; and

(g) the total quantity of electricity distributed every year from the said production?

Payment of Wages under MGNREGS

765. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters for payment of wages in cash to workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the demand for employment under MGNREGS has come down;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Incidence of Derogatory Remarks

766. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in incidence of derogatory remarks by one political party leaders to another in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any action against these leaders and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop such incidence and if not, the reasons therefor?

Details regarding CBI Inquiry

767. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bullion parties against whom CBI have sought details since 2014-15, company-wise and the clarifications received from CBI before releasing payments to small bullion parties against whom no case is pending as on 31st January, 2014; and

(b) the reasons for withholding payments of small bullion parties who have completed their agreements in 2014 and have no investigation pending as on 31.12.2014?

Energy Skill University

†768. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of energy skill related universities in the country and their features;

(b) whether Western Rajasthan is wind and solar energy hub in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals to open Barmer (Rajasthan) energy skill university;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government intends to open energy skill university in Barmer (Rajasthan); and

(g) if so, the time by when it is going to open?

Land Acquisition under Sagarmala Programme

769. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing certain issues regarding land acquisition to accomplish the Sagarmala programme and

if so, the details thereof and the quantum of area under dispute, State-wise;

(b) whether it is true that no container was ever shipped on inland waterways of India since independence until November, 2018 and if not, the details thereof;

(c) the funds spent on development of industrial clusters and coastal communities so far;

(d) whether intended targets in the aforesaid two fields have been met and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any investigation has been made into the fake Sagarmala website created and if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the action taken thereon;

(f) whether victims have been compensated by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the number of accidents about fishing boats hit by large vessels since 2014 and the number of fatalities, year-wise along with the measures taken to reduce the number of such accidents in future?

Demand and Supply

770. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of power generation and demand supply in the country and the details of the sources and their capacity in total power production in the country at present; and

(b) the sources from which carbon-free power would be generated in the next ten years and the quantum of power production fixed for these sources

and the details of measures taken in this regard?

Details regarding HSS Yojana

771. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had launched Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS) Yojana for handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;

(c) the ratio of sharing of financial assistance between the Government and beneficiary;

(d) the total financial assistance provided by the Government under the HSS Yojana, till date, State/UT-wise;

(e) the number of handloom weavers benefited from the HSS, till date, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the monitoring mechanism developed by the Government in this regard?

Bug Infestation in Aircraft

772. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has received complaints of bed bug bites in its business class segment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that many seats were infested with bed bugs in that aircraft; and

(d) whether the Air India has investigated the matter to ascertain its causes?

Physical Fitness Programme for Students

773. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement physical fitness programmes for the students across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Government is implementing specific programme for increasing the level of physical fitness among the students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Roads in Rural Areas of Jharkhand

†774. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any initiative for construction of roads in the rural areas of the State of Jharkhand;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether the Government proposes to give financial assistance in this regard;
 (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electricity from Non-Conventional Sources

†775. SHRI PRATAPRAO
 JADHAV:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity production from non-conventional sources in the country especially Buldhana constituency and other backward areas of Maharashtra State is under progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date;

(c) the details of State-wise quantum of electricity production, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have explored the possibility of electricity production from non-conventional sources especially in Buldhana constituency and other backward areas of Maharashtra State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Quota for Handpumps

†776. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allot handpump quota to the Members of

Parliament on the lines of the State Governments quota for their MLAs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

CEA

777. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
 AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to develop norms regarding "establishment cost" of power distribution companies (discoms), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is going to ask the CEA to prepare the norms, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to massive capacity addition in the power sector, there will be nearly double the amount of electricity available than the requirement of the State by 2021-22, if so, the details thereof along with the Government Plan to deal with the surplus power; and

(d) whether Government is planning to provide subsidy through DBT in consumers Bank Account, if so, the details thereof and the States who have agreed on DBT of subsidiary to the Consumers?

Non-Issue of NOC to Staff of Airlines

778. SHRI MALYADRI
 SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that many of the airlines companies are not issuing NOC to their staff to join other airlines or companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to address the grievances of such staff; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of National Textile Mills

†779. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Textile Mills running on PPP models are closed for the last several years and the case in this regard is pending with Court;

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

(c) whether NTC mills, Chalisgaon, district Jalgaon (Maharashtra) is included in this;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the measures being taken by the Government to resolve this issue as soon as possible;

(f) whether the Government proposes to start such closed mills by reaching a consensus with them;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Storage of Solar Energy

780. 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 is developing technology to store 5 MW of solar power and is also in the process of developing a Battery Energy Storage System in Davangere district of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such technology is used in the world to store electricity, be it solar or wind or conventional; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the countries that are using that technology and whether the Government has tried to get that technology?

DPRs on the Proposed Airports in Andhra Pradesh

781. SHRI PONGULETI
 SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) on the proposed airports of Bhogapuram, Kuppam, Tadepalligudem, Dadarthi, Orvakallu in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

ROBs/ RUBs under Setu Bharatam Programme

782. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 33 ROBs/RUBs are going to be constructed under Setu Bharatam Programme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of each of the ROB/RUB that has been identified, district-wise and when approval for each of the above ROB/RUB were granted; and

(c) the details of the financial allocations made for each of the above ROB/RUB and by when they are likely to be completed, ROB/RUB-wise?

Irrigation Projects

†783. SHRI UDAY PRATAP 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 has received any proposals of irrigation projects from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last two years and the current year and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(b) the funds allocated to Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for irrigation purpose/projects during the said period, year-wise?

Security to Media Personnel

†784. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enact any new law to provide security to Media Personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said law;

(c) the time by which the said law is likely to be enacted;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government also proposes to convert the criminal cases against Media into civil cases; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Permission for Operation of Airbus A380

785. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant permission to certain foreign airlines for operation of Airbus A380 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the requests received from foreign airlines in this regard along with the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any traffic and fare impact study for this aircraft;

(d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and

(e) the names of airports in the country which are capable of handling this aircraft?

Swachh Bharat Mission

†786. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated Swachhata Abhiyan (Swachh Bharat Mission) for the cleanliness in the country;

(b) if so, whether toilets were also constructed in urban and rural areas under the said Abhiyan;

(c) if so, number of toilets constructed till December 2018 along with the amount of subsidy distributed by the Government thereto; and

(d) the names of States' designed projects for the disposal and processing of waste generated from the said toilets along with the amount of funds spent thereon?

Bio-Toilets in Villages

787. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up bio-toilets in village panchayats in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States;

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

(c) the time-frame by which all the village panchayats are likely to be converted under the scheme?

Power to DGCA

788. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to empower the DGCA with powers to penalize airports and airlines for violating norms, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the parameters on which India lags in International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO's) safety audit *vis-à-vis* the global average, along with the measures being taken to address the same; and

(c) the details of the existing penal provisions for the aviation companies, travellers for violation of the safety norms?

Modernisation of Irrigation System

†789. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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 implementation of irrigation projects are facing hurdle due to procurement of land and land acquisition was turning out to be expensive for the Government for implementation of irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the efficient distribution of available water with minimum losses is the prime factor in the modernisation and rehabilitation of the projects and the

Government is planning to lay pipelines instead of constructing canals for supplying water;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government is planning for modernising and improving the efficiency of the existing and ongoing irrigation systems in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Solar Schemes in Hilly States

†790. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.
FATEPARA:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes being run by the Government in the hilly areas of the States specially Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Jammu-Kashmir to promote solar power at present;

(b) the details of the amount of funds provided under these schemes during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government has also made a provision of providing any subsidy for use of solar power; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Water Quality Sub-mission

791. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a National Water Quality Sub-mission aimed at providing the safe drinking water to the habitats affected by Arsenic and Fluoride;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to provide safe drinking water to all the habitats affected by Arsenic and Fluoride; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Roads in Kerala using MGNREGS Funds

792. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the roads affected by the natural calamities like flood, etc., in Kerala will be constructed using the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Excessive Mining

793. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of excessive mining at certain locations across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposed plan of action to reduce such activities of excessive mining;

(c) whether some people have lost their land/home due to such excessive mining; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the compensation paid to them?

Ground Water Management

794. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

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 water shortage is one of the biggest problems that the country faces today and poor management of available resources is a big reason for this problem and if so, the facts in this regard;

(b) whether the ground water provides for about 60 per cent of irrigation needs, 85 per cent of rural drinking water requirements and 50 per cent of urban water needs of the country and our rivers, lakes, ground water and other sources of water are being over-exploited;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is an urgent need for participatory ground water management in the country and if so, the initiatives taken by the Government to encourage participatory ground water management; and

(e) the steps taken to find ways to preserve, protect and augment the available water resources in the country?

Details Regarding Swajal Project

795. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched or proposes to launch six pilot projects for clean drinking water supply in villages under 'Swajal Project';

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of the States selected for launching of pilot projects;

(c) whether NITI Aayog has identified some districts for implementation of clean drinking water supply in villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these projects for clean drinking water supply in villages will be launched in all States;

(e) the percentage of funds proposed to be provided by the Union Government; and

(f) whether projects of clean drinking water supply in villages will improve ground water level, if so, how?

Community and Household Toilets Constructed

796. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of community toilets and household toilets that have been constructed, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any discrimination has been noted against persons from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the use of toilets, if yes, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the toilets constructed are being used;

(d) whether measures have been taken to monitor the conditions of such toilets constructed, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds collected through the Swachh Bharat Cess and the details of their distribution and utilization, State/UT-wise?

Assessment of SBM

797. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of a new research on the impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in rural parts of the Northern States, which shows that while open defecation has fallen and toilet ownership has increased, the percentage of people who owned toilets but continued to defecate in the open has remained unchanged between 2014 and 2018;

(b) if so, whether the Swachh Bharat Mission has been more successful at toilet construction than at driving behavioural change and 44% of people in rural area in Northern States still defecate in the open;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the details of fresh steps the Government proposes to take to check open defecation in rural areas in Northern States?

Hydro Power Projects

798. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hydro power projects with the capacity to generate a total of 12 GW power are under construction in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 16 of these Hydro power projects with a capacity to generate 5950 MW of power are stalled due to financial constraints and other reasons; and

(c) whether the Government is planning to come up with a Hydro policy in the near future, if so, the details thereof?

Electricity from Parali

†799. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) proposes to start generation of electricity from 'Parali' (wheat and rice plants residue) to check pollution level due to burning of 'Parali' by the farmers every year;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Atal Bhujal Yojana

800. SHRI GANESH 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) the salient features of Atal Bhujal Yojana for sustainable management of ground water with community participation and the details of the funding pattern between the Union Government and the World Bank;

(b) whether geographical priority areas have been identified under the Yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the identified over-exploited and water stressed areas for the implementation of the Yojana in Satna region of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) the details of water budgeting, preparation and implementation of water security plans and IEC activities related to

sustainable ground water management in each district including Satna of Madhya Pradesh?

Water Conservation Fee

801. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

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 there is any proposal to charge water conservation fee for the use of ground water by industries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government's infrastructure and mining projects along with its water supply agencies have been exempted from this fee;

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

(d) whether any parallel measures are being taken to recharge the existing ground water table; and

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

Norms Prescribed by DAVP

†802. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual

Publicity (DAVP) for empanelment of advertising companies/agencies;

(b) the details of agencies empanelled during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the number of cases pending thereto during the said period along with the reasons therefor?

Targets of NH Construction

†803. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the targets of National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the length of National Highways in Kilometers constructed during the last five years;

(c) the State and funds-wise details thereof;

(d) the length of Highways in Kilometers under construction in the country presently, particularly in the State of Maharashtra and Kerala;

(e) the time limit set for completion of the construction; and

(f) whether the Union Government is likely to miss the said targets and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the measures taken to achieve the targets?

Additional Flights from Amritsar Airport

804. SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce more flights from Amritsar Airport to various international and domestic destinations due to increasing flow of passengers;

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

(c) whether the Government have any proposal for separate new arrival terminal to ease congestion at the Amritsar Airport due to increasing flow of passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification under Saubhagya

†805. SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) in previous years to connect all the villages with electricity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the target had been fixed to connect villages with electricity under the above said scheme for December 2018;

(c) if so, the details of targets that have been achieved and the facts thereof; and

(d) whether the definition made for electrification of village to make available power to villages is that the entire village be considered electrified after 10% households are provided with electricity connection, if so, the details thereof?

Code of Best Practices Signed by Streaming Platforms

806. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the code of best practices signed by the Streaming Platforms/Online Curated Content Providers (OCCP) under the aegis of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI);

(b) the details of the redressal mechanism that will be provided to consumers of such streaming platforms;

(c) the details of the recommendations given by the Shyam Benegal Committee on film censorship and certification;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to allow the film industries to self-regulate as per recommendations from within the film industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Television Channels in Regional Language

†807. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of requirements to be fulfilled by the applicant to launch a television channel in regional language;

(b) the number of applications received from different companies to launch new television channels in different regional languages during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of channels in respect of which licences have been granted by the Government along with the pending applications in this regard, Language-wise;

(d) the reasons for not granting the licences to the said applicants; and

(e) the steps being taken/taken by the Government in this regard?

Recent Developments in Jet Airways

808. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has intervened in the recent developments in Jet Airways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is concerned about the future of the employees of the company;

(d) if so, the steps taken to safeguard the interest of employees;

(e) whether the Jet Airways is also on the verge of closure like Kingfisher; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Driving Licence for Divyangs

†809. SHRI OM PRAKASH

YADAV:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND

SARSWATI:

SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any provision to issue driving licence to the divyang people;

(b) if so, whether the Government has prescribed the percentage of disability for issuing driving licence to the divyangs;

(c) if so, the number of divyang persons to whom driving licence are likely to be issued in Bihar and Rajasthan;

(d) the procedure to issue driving licence to the divyang people; and

(e) the names of the States where this procedure has been operationalized?

Declaration of ILR Projects as National Projects

810. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHURAO RAUT:

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 Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) helps in harvesting rainwater effectively and provides a solution to our water scarcity woes and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to declare all Inter-linking of River projects in the country as National Projects in a bid to expedite their implementation through quick flow of funds and better monitoring on the ground and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is framing any criteria for the purpose especially in the backdrop of the Ministry's decision to begin works on three identified rivers' linking projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of identified rivers linking projects; and

(e) whether the Union Government has resolved all the issues to make inter-linking of rivers a reality and if so, the details thereof?

National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research

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

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and the objectives of the National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR);

(b) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised for the purpose, State-wise including Gujarat and West Bengal;

(c) the details of the Universities and Medical Colleges selected by NCSSR/ Government for the grants along with the details of funds/assistance provided during the last three years, University/College-wise;

(d) whether the selection process of some more Universities/Medical Colleges for the purpose is under process and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be finalised?

Energy from Waste

812. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been undertaken to assess the feasibility of generating large scale energy from waste in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such plants already exist in the country and the quantum of waste needed to generate electricity at these plants, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether generation of electricity at such plants is efficient as compared to global standards, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether challenges are being faced at these plants with regards to generation/efficiency etc., if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of any plans to set up more such plants in the country to increase the percentage of energy generated from waste in the country?

Transportation of Mortal Remains

813. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the exemption granted by Airlines for transportation of mortal remains of Indian citizens from abroad;

(b) the details of tariff fixed by the Airlines for transportation of mortal remains of Indian citizens from abroad;

(c) whether the Government exempted the transportation of mortal remains from taxes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is aware that the taxes for transportation of the mortal remains to India is higher; and

(f) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government to exempt the mortal remains from taxes and other charges?

Solar Park

†814. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Solar Parks approved by the Government in Rajasthan;

(b) the number of Solar Parks developed fully so far in Rajasthan;

(c) the amount allocated by the Union Government to develop Solar Parks along with the details of expenditure increased thereof; and

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed by the Government to complete the pending work of Solar Parks?

Hiring of Consultants for the Projects

815. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use consultants for carrying out work of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of consultants and the corresponding projects for which they have been hired and the fees paid to them during the last four years?

Contribution of Textile Sector

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

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of textile industry in GDP in terms of percentage of industrial production and employment generation during the last three years and the current year along with efforts made by the Government to increase the employment in the textile industry;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase investment/expansion of textile

industry including modernization of weaving and processing sector;

(c) whether the textile industry is facing problems due to global slowdown and growth of the sector has declined during the last two years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to increase the shares of Indian textile products globally and success achieved by the Government so far; and

(e) the contribution of Indian textile industry in terms of global textile production along with the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production and competitiveness of Indian textile industry?

National Highway Projects

†817. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct all weather road to connect Char Dham shrines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time schedule fixed for completion of the project and time by which the construction will be started on this project;

(c) the number of National Highway Projects approved by the Government since May, 2014, State-wise;

(d) the number of National Highway Projects for which the construction work have been started in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;

(e) the number of National Highway Projects completed during 2015, 2016 and 2017, State-wise; and

(f) the efforts made by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to speed up award and construction of highways and the length of highway projects bidden by December, 2018?

Construction of Roads on Indo-China and Indo-Pak Borders

†818. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to undertake 44 road projects on Indo-China and Indo-Pak borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount estimated to be spent for the construction of these road projects; and

(d) the target set for completion of construction of these projects?

Blueprint for the Domestic Manufacturing of Aircraft

819. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on a blueprint for the domestic manufacturing of aircraft and also looking at aircraft financing from within the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is emphasising on carrying out maintenance, repair and overhaul work domestically; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Regional Doordarshan Units

†820. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where regional Doordarshan units have not been started;

(b) the names of the States where more than one news unit has been set up by the Government;

(c) whether the Government is not in a position to start regional news unit of Doordarshan in Jammu and Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of locations where regional news units are being operated from rented buildings along with the date from which these units are operating from rented buildings?

Welfare of Artisans

†821. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether age old traditional artisans are on the verge of unemployment in the absence of technical training in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to encourage these artisans for manufacturing modern clothing; and

(c) the special steps taken/being taken by the Government regarding setting up of technical training workshops for the development of handicrafts in the country so far?

Pilot Training Colleges

822. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sanctioned Pilot Training Colleges/Institutions in the country for imparting training to pilots including Odisha;

(b) the details of the private and Government training colleges/institutions in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish new pilot training college in Odisha;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to restart the flight service from Jharsuguda Airport to major metro cities of India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

WHO Safety Standards

823. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO identified 7 safety standard specifications for vehicle design;

(b) if so, how many such global parameters are met with by Indian vehicles;

(c) the number of accidents caused over the last four years due to faults in vehicles and vehicle designs, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make crash testing compulsory; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the vehicles adhere to the minimum standards of safety?

Growth in Solar Power

824. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a significant growth in solar power in the country over the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken by the Government to ensure cost reduction in setting up of solar units; and

(c) the details on the number of solar pumps set up in the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise data thereof?

National Highway Status to Hyderabad-Bijapur Road

825. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to give National Highway status to the Hyderabad-Bijapur has been received by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

By-Pass Road on NH-86 and NH-76

†826. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to construct a road by-pass in Mahoba city situated on NH-86 and NH-76 in Bundelkhand;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the huge traffic jam on National Highways in the cities situated on NH-76 and NH-86 passing through Bundelkhand;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to construct road by-pass at Panwadi Nagar, Kulpahad Harpalpur situated on NH-76 and Sumerpur city situated on NH-86, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to construct Railways over Bridge (RoB) on Saopa, Kriari and Harpalpur situated on NH-76 and Mahoba railway crossing situated on NH-86; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Delayed Payment of Salaries

827. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there has been a delayed payment of salaries to employees of certain airlines consecutively, if so, the details regarding such incidents since 2016; and

(b) the reasons for the delay?

Road Accidents due to Potholes

†828. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the large number of deaths in road accidents due to potholes;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to deal with it;

(c) whether any compensation is given to the families of the deceased in road accidents due to potholes; and

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to give compensation for such accidents?

Sewage Disposal System

829. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sewage generation in the country has increased during the 12th Plan, if so, the details thereof, year and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to improve sewage disposal system in rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made during the 12th Five Year Plan for improving sewage disposal system in rural areas;

(d) the details of the projects so far approved and the details of assistance provided in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up mini sewerage treatment plants in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to correct the situation?

Details Regarding SBM-G

830. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen (SBM-G) along with the success achieved under this Mission so far;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the Mission during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(c) the details of the toilets constructed across the country during the said period, State-wise including Gujarat;

(d) whether the cases of poor quality of toilets constructed under the mission have been reported from any State to the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Tar-Bitumen Road

831. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of tar-bitumen road constructed across the country;

(b) whether the Union Government is aware that tar contains carcinogenic materials;

(c) whether the contracts for construction of tar-bitumen roads clearly indicate adequate safety measures for the workers who are involved in the construction of such roads;

(d) whether any steps have been taken by the Union Government for building plastic-bitumen roads to promote eco-friendly infrastructure;

(e) if so, the details thereof, especially for Karnataka; and

(f) the details of the steps taken to prevent release of noxious HCL gas during road laying process?

Availability of Fertilizer Minerals

†832. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.
FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of fertilizer minerals in the country and we are dependent on imports of raw material for production of main fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted or proposes to constitute a consortium of public and private companies for import of fertilizer minerals and acquisition of mineral reserves in other countries to meet the shortage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken/being taken by the consortium in this regard?

Committee for Monitoring of Toll Tax

†833. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a separate committee for

proper monitoring of Toll Tax being collected at National Highways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to mobilize funds by giving National Highways projects to the private companies on lease to construct the roads and collect the toll tax;

(c) whether the Government have identified such projects in which there is potential of private investments;

(d) if so, the State-wise and project-wise details thereof along with the norms fixed for selection of these projects;

(e) whether the funds mobilized are likely to be used for construction of different highways and early completion of different highways projects in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Madurai Airport

834. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India has taken action for expansion of the existing terminal building, extension of apron and construction of new control tower/technical block at Madurai Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress of the said works and the time by which these expansion works will be completed, work-wise and the targets fixed therein?

Schemes for Power Sector

†835. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government since the year 2014 till date along with the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the said schemes;

(b) the details of the proposals received from various States along with the proposals approved by the Government under the schemes, State-wise sponsored by the Ministry of Power;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for implementation of various schemes during each of the last four years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has set any time-limit for completing the pending schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Energy Sector

†836. SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government since the year 2014 till

date along with the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the said schemes;

(b) the details of the proposals received from various States along with the proposals approved by the Union Government;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for implementation of various schemes of this Ministry during each of the last four years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has set any time-limit for completing the pending schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Progress in Char Dham Project

837. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

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 all weather roads to connect Char Dham pilgrimage sites;

(b) if so, the time frame fixed by the Government for completion of Char Dham Highway Development Plans;

(c) whether the said project is running behind schedule and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the project in a time bound manner; and

(e) whether the Government is also planning such initiatives for other pilgrimage centres too and if so, the details thereof?

Cancellation of Flights due to Fog

838. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of domestic and international flights of various public and private sector airlines are delayed/cancelled due to dense fog during the current winter season, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the losses incurred by various airlines as a result thereof, airline-wise during the said period;

(c) whether there is a shortage of pilots in the country who are trained to fly under foggy condition and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the total number of passengers who were severely affected by cancellation of these flights;

(e) whether any alternative arrangements were made for these passengers so that they can travel to their desired destination, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Driving Training and Research Institutes

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

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where Training and Research Institutes for driving are located in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more such institutes in various States of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu along with the locations identified for this purpose and the time by which these institutes are likely to be set up;

(d) whether the Union Government is extending financial assistance to the State Governments to implement this scheme;

(e) if so, whether the Government has any mechanism to keep a check on the

utilization of funds sanctioned to the States for setting up of driving centres; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the States found misusing funds including action taken thereon?

National Social Assistance Programme

840. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement various schemes like Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);

(b) if so, the details thereof including physical and financial progress during the last three years, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has observed that there is a huge gap in implementation of the NSAP; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government for evaluating, monitoring and effective implementation of the said programme?

Promotion of Sports among Rural Youth

†841. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any policy/programme for promotion of sports among rural youth in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the achievements made in this regard; and

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the participation of the rural youth in sports?

Water Management

†842. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI LALLU 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 problem of water scarcity can be addressed by streamlining the water management in the country;

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

(c) whether the inter-linking of rivers can play a major role in water management; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the names of rivers selected so far for inter-linking?

Appraisal of PMGSY

843. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between targets set and achievements made under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) across the country during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the rural habitations which are yet to be covered under the said yojana across the country so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the allocation of funds for the said yojana has been substantially reduced during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various States for enhancing allocation of funds under the said yojana during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said yojana and to bring all the rural areas of the country therein?

Status of Textile Exports

844. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge decline in export of textiles and garment has been noticed this year in comparison to the year 2017 as per the data collected by Confederation of Indian Textile Industries (CITI);

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

(c) whether there is need to make the refund of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) easier;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction;

(e) whether there is urgent need to provide urgent relief of minimum two per cent on the export of cotton yarn and under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme and Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) package for garments and cotton yarn for competition in national market; and

(f) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Electric Vehicles by 2030

†845. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number/types of electric vehicles presently operating in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to boost the operation of electric vehicles for ferrying of passengers and the

targets, if any, fixed in the near future and whether any sops are proposed for purchase of electric vehicle;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to attain the targets;

(d) the details of the measures taken by the Government to facilitate transition to Electric Vehicles by 2030, especially in relation to building AC (Alternate Current) and DC (Direct Current) electric vehicle charging infrastructure and systems for appropriate treatment and disposal of end-of-life batteries; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to alter the entire fleet of public transportation including buses and auto-rickshaws to electric fleet keeping in view the charging time required by AC/DC chargers to fully charge a vehicle?

Skill Development in NH Projects

†846. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for the companies worth Rs. 100 crore or more, which are part of National Highway (NH) Projects to provide training to the workers for their skill development under the scheme of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to build an infrastructure in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of it; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented and the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial?

Global Status Report on Road Safety

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

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware about the latest Global Status Report on Road Safety in which India retains the dubious distinction of reporting the maximum number of road fatalities;

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

(c) whether the road safety laws are poorly enforced in the country resulting in road fatalities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Union Government in consultation with State Governments to enforce road safety laws strictly to check road fatalities?

Construction of Renuka Dam

848. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

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 recently signed an agreement with some States to start construction of the Renuka multipurpose dam to avoid flowing of Indian water share to Pakistan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the water availability in the country is enough but effective water management systems do not exist resulting in drought in some areas and non-availability of water to farmers and if so, the corrective steps the Union Government proposes to take in this regard;

(c) the time by which the construction work of Renuka dam is likely to be commenced; and

(d) the other steps taken/to be taken by the Union Government to fully utilize the water available in the allotted water systems under the Indus Water Treaty?

Details regarding Transactions by HHEC

849. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several small bullion parties have followed the due process of imports of bullion as per agreements with Handicrafts & Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) which have been concluded in 2014;

(b) if so, the names of such bullion parties with up-to-date payment and interest details due to them, company-wise;

(c) whether CBI have sought some details of misconduct against any bullion parties having concluded their agreements with HHEC in the year 2014; and

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

Number of Air Passengers

850. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air passengers in the country, State-wise including Gujarat, West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the number of air passengers is increasing year by year, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to create NABH Nirman fund in this regard and is also formulating a scheme of land pooling, if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of AIR/DD Network

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

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the All India Radio (AIR)/Doordarshan (DD) network by establishing more number of stations particularly to unreachable areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the financial outlay thereto, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of projects likely to be completed during the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether many districts in the country lack Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras particularly in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government has received representation from States for setting up of Doordarshan/Akashvani Kendras during the last five years and the current year; and

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

Delhi-Kannur Flight

852. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start flights between Delhi and Kannur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Details of Schemes and Proposals

†853. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government under the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation since the year 2014 till date along with the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of these schemes, year-wise;

(b) the details of the proposals received from various States along with the proposals approved by the Union Government under the schemes sponsored by the Ministry, State-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for implementation of various schemes of this Ministry during each of the last four years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has set any time-limit for completing the pending schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Environment Impact Assessment on Char Dham Project

854. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether work has been started on the 'Char Dham' project in the State of Uttarakhand, if so, the detailed status thereof;

(b) whether an Environment Impact Assessment was conducted for the said project and if so, the findings of such assessment;

(c) whether the said project will negatively impact the ecology of the region due to felling of trees, soil erosion, etc. and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to mitigate those negative impacts;

(d) whether any person will be displaced or indirectly negatively affected by the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to mitigate those negative impacts?

Scarcity of Drinking Water in Villages

855. SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages are still not having quality drinking water across the country;

(b) if so, the details of affected villages across the country and the steps being taken by the Ministry;

(c) the funds allocated in this regard during last three years and the current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Payments by NHDC

†856. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. (NHDC) has made double payment in some cases;

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

(c) whether the persons liable for this have been identified;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not recovering the said payment till date?

Shortage of Thermal Fuel

857. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total thermal power generated in the country, State-wise, as on date;

(b) whether many thermal power plants are not getting sufficient quantity and quality of coal since last year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to address the problems faced by these power plants; and

(d) the measures adopted to provide incentives and other encouragements to the major power producing States in the country?

Geological Survey of India

858. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has a comprehensive repository of geological structures in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to create such a repository and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether GSI has a policy for geological conservation, to protect unusual rock types, landforms that preserve records of natural events of the past, significant fossil localities, stratigraphic sections, areas where significant advances in geology have been made, and deposits of particular minerals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government proposes to create such a policy and if so, the details thereof?

Drinking Water in Villages

†859. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages in the country are still deprived of drinking water and they have to fetch it from far away places;

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

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide drinking water to every citizen in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which this scheme is likely to be implemented across the country?

Promotion of e-Vehicles

860. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to mandate taxi operators to have a certain percentage of e-vehicles in their fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether to promote this the Government has also approved green licence plates bearing amber in white fonts for private e-vehicles and yellow for taxis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to Cap Airfare

861. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to cap airfares during the periods of crisis such as national calamities or agitations;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been opposed by flight operators as it would lead to financial loss to the aviation companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government will come forward to reduce or waive its various fee during the crisis time so as to reduce the airfare; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

Renewable Energy in North-Eastern States

862. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have planned to effectively use the huge potential of the renewable energy in the North-Eastern States, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any review or assessment made by the Government regarding the potential of solar, hydro and

wind energy in North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether there are any solar parks sanctioned to be set up in different parts of North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government for utilising the solar energy with special focus on North-Eastern States?

Construction of River Ports

863. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three logistics costs in India was 18% which is higher as compared to other nations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to construct river ports like airports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government expects from the States only the allocation of land to construct river ports and nothing else; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PMGSY in Naxal Affected Regions

864. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use funds from Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to improve road connectivity in naxal affected and backward regions of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated and utilized under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Telangana?

Execution of Projects under Sagarmala Programme

865. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any projects are being executed in Mumbai Port Trust under the aegis of Sagarmala programme;

(b) if so, the salient features of the programme and its National Perspective Plan with respect to Maharashtra; and

(c) the number of projects sanctioned by Sagarmala Development Company Limited and the funds sanctioned through Central financial assistance for the purpose?

Promotion of Shipping Route with Bangladesh

866. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trucks were sent to Bangladesh recently *via* sea route;

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

(c) whether the Government is exploring new avenues for promotion of shipping, commerce and trade through it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the roadmap prepared for the same?

Chopper Services in Government Hospitals

867. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to introduce chopper services in important and premier Government hospitals across the country to ferry critical patients to save lives;

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

(c) the details of the discussion with the Civil Aviation Ministry in this regard in the last four years?

New Ports

868. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new shipping and dry ports proposed to be built up by the Government; and

(b) the number of the existing and new ports which have been/ are to be connected with rail line?

Conversion of Roads into National Highways

869. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing policy of the Government to declare a stretch of Road as National Highway in each year since 2014-15;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals for declaring (i) Bhadrak-Ananadpur-Thakurmunda-Karanjia-Singada, (ii) Shergarh-Nilgiri-Kaptipada-Baripada, (iii) Rairangpur-Biso-Bangiriposi-Kalabadia, (iv) Jashipur-Champua as National Highways and if so, the details thereof;

(c) when were these proposals received; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to declare each of these stretches as National Highways?

Night Landing Facility at Airport

870. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA: SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI: SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no night landing facility in many airports in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to upgrade technology to

provide night landing to all airports in the country, if so, the time by which it is to be upgraded and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the mechanism employed by AAI to measure visibility in airports without night landing facilities;

(d) the procedure followed by ground-staff in permitting an aircraft on flight to land at airports without night landing facilities; and

(e) whether it is a fact that many airports in the country do not have mechanical devices to measure visibility levels and depend on visual capacities of individual ATCs, if so, the steps being taken to address the issues?

Power Equipments

871. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making it mandatory for indigenous and thermal and hydro power producers to purchase power equipments from local markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government while issuing the guidelines ensured that the equipments that power producers are going to purchase are made available in the local markets, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to make sure that the equipments are made available in the local market?

Road Accident

872. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to an official report, Indian roads claim lives of 56 pedestrians per day;

(b) if so, the details of road accidents during the last four years, State-wise;

(c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government to reduce road accidents and to improve road safety in the country;

(d) whether according to a study by the World Bank and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), 30 per cent of Delhi-Mumbai National Highway is unsafe for cars; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Revival of Handloom Sector

†873. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of closed handloom units have been made functional during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has provided any package to revive the handloom sector in the country during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated to Madhya Pradesh for this purpose?

Release of Funds under PMKSY

874. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

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 provides any technical and financial assistance to States to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes/ programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the main components and objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and the total outlay for this Yojana;

(c) whether all the States are covered under the PMKSY and if so, the details of medium/major irrigation projects identified in consultation with States alongwith irrigation potential of these projects ;

(d) the funds released under the yojana during the last three years and the current financial year as on 31.12.2018, State/project-wise; and

(e) the quantum of Central Assistance (CA) released under various components of PMKSY especially AIBP, CAD and DRIP-II for the State of Karnataka during the last three years and the current year ?

Permit for e-Vehicles

875. DR. K. GOPAL:
ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exemption for permit for e-autos and e-buses may have a big impact since getting a new permit is extremely difficult;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similarly, e-bikes also would see a considerable impact being a new area;

(d) whether permitting the youth in the age group of 16-18 years to drive e-scooters, which are gearless, will lead to a big demand for e-scooters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

District Rural Development Agencies

876. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation and utilization of funds made to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) during the last three years, State-wise, including the District-wise details of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any suggestions/ complaints have been received by States to strengthen the DRDA for its effective implementation; and

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

All India Chess Federation

877. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of complaints filed by some chess players the Competition Commission of India has penalised the All India Chess Federation and directed it to cease and desist from anti-competitive practices;

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

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such practices in sports federations?

Increasing Demand for Air Travel

878. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for air travel continues to be high as airlines reported over 18% jump in passenger traffic in June, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic air passengers increased upto 11.32 million in June, 2018 as compared with 9.56 million in June, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rating of Investment Grade Companies

879. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian renewable energy companies are among the most poorly rated investment grade companies in the Asia Pacific region, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether renewable energy to make up a larger portion of India's electricity generation, bolstered by untapped generation potential, needs strong policy support and lower tariffs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the renewable energy made up 58 per cent— its biggest share yet of the 25 GW of generation capacity added in India in Financial Year 2017-18; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Feasibility Study on Inland Waterways

880. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has completed feasibility study on introduction of inland waterways on many rivers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government is likely to order detailed

project report as soon as the States express their willingness and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government did not expect any money for the project from the States other than their participation in the special purpose vehicle; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of NH-2 in Jharkhand

†881. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given in-principle approval for construction of about 50 Km. long road for Bagodar-Dhanwar, Khori-Mahua section of National Highway- 2 in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the present status of the above said project; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started and the time by which it is likely to be completed along with the details ?

Maintenance of NHs

†882. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is giving proper attention to repair and maintenance of National Highways (NHs);

(b) the role of States in repair and maintenance of National Highways;

(c) the funds allocated for maintaining and repairing of National Highways during the last two years;

(d) whether there is an increase in allocation of fund in comparison to previous years for maintaining and repairing of National Highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pace of Construction of NHs

883. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of National Highways (NHs) has steadily increased during the past four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the per day construction rate of highways at present;

(d) whether the Government is of the opinion that the speed is satisfactory or needs improvement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Effects of Open Defecation

884. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that about 50% Indians defecate outside without using toilets and from here and children pick up parasites and chronic

infections that impair the ability of the intestines to absorb nutrients;

(b) if so, give details of the number of diarrhoea affected children admitted and treated in various hospitals of the country during the last 4 years;

(c) whether the Government has taken note that the UNICEF reports death of almost 117,000 Indian children per year from diarrhoea; and

(d) if so, give details regarding measures taken by the Government to curb the said alarming situation in the country?

Distinct Number Plate for e-Vehicles

885. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to allow youth in the age bracket of 16-18 years to drive electric scooters;

(b) whether the Government has approved distinctive green licence plates for electric vehicles to encourage people to use electric vehicles;

(c) whether the purpose behind distinctive number plates is their easy identification for preferential treatment in parking, free entry in congested zones, besides the proposed benefits like concessional toll; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Targets and Achievements under SBM

†886. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed by the Government in the country during the last two years along with the number of benefited families;

(b) whether the Government have set any State-wise targets under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) during each of the last two years and the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the targets achieved are satisfactory and if not, the reasons therefor?

Meeting with MoS

887. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recently held a meeting with all the States Power Ministers; and

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and outcome thereof particularly related to Andhra Pradesh State?

Development of Air Strips

888. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering new proposals for developing air strips across the country;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the State of Kerala has approached the Government in this regard;

(d) if so the details thereof along with locations specified;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to utilize the pilgrimage tourism potential of Kerala in this way; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

UDAY Scheme

889. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme has shown any positive effect on the performance of the Power Distribution Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in spite of implementation of UDAY Scheme still the power distribution companies are becoming further debt driven;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to evolve the issues, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the estimated targets and achieved results so far, State-wise?

Targets set under PMGSY

†890. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is going on a very slow pace and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Schemes/Yojana approved five years back have not been completed so far and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete steps are taken/being taken by the Government to connect all habitations with main road in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said target is likely to be completed?

Roof Top Solar System

891. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by the Government to States for the purpose of providing subsidy to individual household installation of roof top solar system;

(b) whether the individual roof top solar system has not been implemented because of absence of awareness amongst public, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has contemplated any plan of action to increase the installation of individual household solar system in rural areas; and

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

Management of Ground Water

892. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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 framework and policies developed by the Central Ground Water Board for management of ground water in India;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the Aquifer Mapping and Management Plans (AMP) and Participatory Ground Water Management Plans (PGWM); and

(c) the results achieved as a result of implementation of the above mentioned plans in each State of the country?

Fund for Energy Sector

893. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning for setting up fund for renewable energy use in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the money would be generated for the fund and how it would be utilized;

(c) the budget allocation for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Taxing Global Air Tickets

894. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to International Air Transport Association (IATA), India is flouting laws by taxing global air tickets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has been asked to facilitate worldwide connectivity growth; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Sports

895. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposal to bring Sports under Concurrent List from State List;

(b) the measures likely to be taken at national level for development of sports in case the said proposal is passed; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for increasing the participation of women and youth from tribal areas in sports?

Central Board of Film Certification

896. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Cinematography Act, 1952 in any way and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) formed under the Act is devoid of independence especially with regards to the CBFC members being appointed by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of films which have received cuts by the CBFC under Section 5B of the Act?

Dues to AAI

897. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various Indian and foreign airlines owe dues to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for availing of fuel and other facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Kingfisher, Spicejet and Go Air Airlines owe money to the Airports Authority of India, if so, the total quantum of money owed by them and the reasons why they accumulated so much of dues; and

(d) whether the Airports Authority of India would take immediate steps to recover the dues particularly from the Kingfisher and Spicejet Airlines since they are having financial crunches?

Alappuzha By-pass Project

898. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the construction of the long-pending Alappuzha by-pass project;

(b) the time by which the construction will be completed and opened for the public; and

(c) whether the Government is willing to call a review meeting to monitor the progress of the work in a time bound manner?

Hybrid Annuity Model

899. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects of NHAI are running behind schedule due to the problem in land acquisition and if so, the UT and State-wise details along with the action taken by the Government;

(b) whether a large number of Hybrid annuity model (HAM) projects are yet to secure financial closure due to selective sanctioning of loans by the banks and if so, the list of HAM projects which are yet to secured financial closure, UT/ State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to shift in awarding of road projects on pure EPC basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons of shift?

Rooftop Solar Power Schemes

†900. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme and fixed any funds to promote the installation of Rooftop Solar Power Systems and use the energy produced by it only for domestic needs both in rural as well as urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rural Employment Generation Programme

†901. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented under the Rural Employment Generation Programme across the country;

(b) the funds allocated and utilized thereon during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the number of persons benefitted/ likely to be benefitted in rural areas especially in Maharashtra through these programmes?

Payments by HHEC

902. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Handicrafts and Handloom Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) under the Ministry of Textiles have sought certain clarifications from Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) before releasing payments of small bullion parties;

(b) whether inspite of repeated reminders to CBI the clarifications to HHEC has not been furnished during the last one year causing financial hardship to small enterprises who have concluded their agreements with HHEC in 2014; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and reasons for the delay in furnishing comments to HHEC in respect of bullion parties who completed their agreements in 2014?

Laws for Celebrities Endorsing Food Products

903. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether celebrities endorsing food products can be prosecuted under any laws;

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

(c) the steps being taken to enact new laws or make the existing law clear to endorse the responsibility on the celebrities in case they make false promises about the food products?

PMGSY in Maharashtra

†904. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Maharashtra is not going on as per the scheduled time limit;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove the obstacles coming in its way along with the details of the outcome thereof;

(d) the number of roads identified under the said yojana during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the details of the projects identified under the said yojana, District-wise?

Adoption of Amrit Technology

†905. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not setting up arsenic and metal removal technology (Amrit Technology) for removing arsenic and fluoride from drinking water in States most affected by arsenic and fluoride contamination alongwith the names of the States affected by this type of contamination;

(b) the time by which each district of affected State is likely to be equipped with Amrit Technology; and

(c) the State-wise details of the funds released and utilized for Amrit Technology during the current financial year?

Backward Region Grant Fund

†906. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.
FATEPARA:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the districts covered under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Jammu-Kashmir;

(b) the details of funds allocated and released to the Governments of these States under BRGF during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to revise/amend the guidelines for inclusion of backward region under BRGF particularly for Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) whether there is a provision for district-wise allocation of funds from BRGF and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether district-wise scheme is also formulated for proper utilisation of these funds and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the local public representatives are included in the monitoring committee for monitoring of works undertaken under BRGF and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other measures taken for the monitoring and proper utilisation of funds under BRGF?

Assessment under TSC

907. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has assessed the performance of the various States under the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the deficiencies/irregularities noticed State/UT-wise;

(c) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check recurrence of such kind of deficiency/irregularity in future;

(d) the number of Panchayats awarded Nirmal Gram Puraskar in the country including those in the State of Bihar during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(e) the funds released for the purpose during the said period, State-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to achieve the target set for TSC by involving local bodies in the country particularly in the rural areas?

Damages for Faulty Maintenance of NHs

†908. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether damages are imposed/action is taken by the Government on private companies for not complying with the provisions of the contract regarding maintenance and repairs of the National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the quantum of damages imposed on the private companies during last three years and the details of locations where these companies were operating; and

(d) whether the Government is taking any initiative to strengthen the provisions relating to motor vehicles and make road contractors and consultants accountable for faulty road design and construction ?

Medical Assistance for the Victims of Road Accidents

†909. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
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 formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme for providing instant medical facility to the people injured in motor accidents on National Highways due to dense fog and other reasons;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of DPAP

†910. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the Drought Prone areas in the country during the last three years and the current year so that Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) could be implemented in view of present drought conditions;

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

(c) the status of the DPAP across the country; and

(d) the quantum of funds released under the said programme in the drought prone areas, District-wise and State-wise?

Discharge of Waste into Ganga River

†911. SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:
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 liquid and solid waste of municipal areas of almost 97 cities is being discharged into 2500 kilometre stretch of Ganga river and if so, the facts in this regard;

(b) whether several projects have been formulated for management of the said waste during the last five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the names of States where the waste management projects have been implemented and completed by indicating the capacity of each such project; and

(d) the quantity of liquid and solid waste from municipal areas which is being/has been discharged into the Ganga river and processed till December, 2018?

Schemes for Handloom Sector

912. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes to encourage handloom sector in the country;

(b) the number of weavers who have benefited under these schemes during the last five years; and

(c) the funds disbursed to such weavers, State/UT-wise?

Details Regarding Textile Industry

913. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government collects data on the number of people employed in the textile industry, State/UT-wise and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the textile industry will need 17 million additional workforce by 2022;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by the Government for mobilizing, recruiting, training this additional workforce;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to diversify textile exports to more countries; and

(e) if so, whether some Memorandum of Understanding or deals have been signed with other countries and the details thereof?

Piped Water Facility in Gram Panchayats

914. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has provided piped water facilities to Gram Panchayats under any scheme, if so, the State-wise details thereof including the State of Gujarat;

(b) the time-frame by which similar facilities are likely to be extended to the remaining Gram Panchayats in the country; and

(c) the details of the action plan formulated in this regard and the deadline, if any, fixed to complete this task?

Election to District Panchayats

†915. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to elect District Panchayat Head and Block Head directly by the people in certain States in the country including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Pradhan Mantri Awaas
Yojana-Gramin**

†916. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any record regarding the number of houses constructed and the quantum of funds utilized under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether the Government has set any target regarding the completion of PMAY-G and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is running behind the target of house

construction under PMAY-G and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons of delay, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps or would take corrective steps to speed up the construction of houses under PMAY-G and if so, the details thereof?

Growth in Aviation Sector

†917. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of growth rate registered in aviation sector in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Airport Authority of India has conducted any study/assessment regarding the growth in aviation sector in the country during the next five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand in the aviation sector in future?

Upgradation of Airports

†918. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.
FATEPARA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the upgradation/modernisation of airports in the country including the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade/modernise airports of other cities;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time-limit proposed in this regard; and

(d) the status of upgradation of airports at other places in the country?

**Assessment of Drinking and
Sanitation Schemes**

†919. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently made any assessment to ascertain the status of implementation of drinking water and sanitation schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding

irregularities in the implementation of drinking water and sanitation schemes in the States/UTs;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures adopted by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Functioning of NHAI

920. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to amend/revise the existing guidelines and limitations of the functioning of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to make it more effective in disposal of the various problems and issues relating to transportation and road safety in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, by when the proposal would be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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