

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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**(Ministries of Civil Aviation; Housing and Urban Affairs; Jal Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Shipping; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

(नागर विमानन; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; जल शक्ति; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; पोत परिवहन; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

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#### Extent of Sanitation Facility

2952. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA  
BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government made progress in providing basic sanitation facilities to almost two-third or the 650 million people who stopped practicing open defecation between 2000 & 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made in the State of Telangana?

#### Piped Water Facility

2953. SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to UNICEF and WHO reports, there has been absolutely

no growth in the population with access to piped water facility between 2000 and 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

#### Adequate Supply of Drinking Water

†2954. SHRI JASWANT SINGH  
BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate drinking water is not being supplied to the people particularly in district Dahod of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the funds allocated under Water and Sanitation Management Organisation (WASMO) scheme during the last three years to enable the supply of drinking water in adequate quantity to the people of Dahod district in Gujarat; and

(d) the details of the schemes being run to make drinking water available in the said district?

manufacturing unit in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Survey under Flood Prone Area Programme

2955. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any survey under the Flood Prone Area Programme (FPAP) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the districts identified as flood prone in the country including Assam, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for development of such areas?

#### Regional Rapid Transit System

2957. SHRI HANS RAJ HANS:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised any proposal for connecting Delhi-Sonepat-Panipat under Regional Rapid Transport System (RRTS);

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the financial allocations made thereunder; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be commenced and completed?

#### Production of Hand Made Fabrics

†2958. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA  
SHETTY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the quantity of hand-spun and hand-woven woolen, silk and Khadi fabrics produced in the country so far during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quality of minerals, forest crops, agro and foodgrains products, chemicals and polymer, hand-made paper produced and manufactured along with the details of production made in rural engineering sector during the said period, State/UT-wise;

#### Manufacturing of Solar Panels

2956. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy regarding manufacturing of solar panels in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the import of solar products from China is very high and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to establish a big solar products

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(c) the quantum of assistance provided to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during the said period; and

(d) the names of said units of KVIC along with the details of production made by those units and the quantum of assistance provided to them during the above period?

### Implementation of DDUGJY

2959. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government targeted 100% electrification of rural households under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) but still one third of the rural households are not electrified;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also analysed the technical hurdles in the implementation of the said yojana; and

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

### Transportation Problems

2960. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that India's emerging urban moment is facing difficulties due to inadequate system

in public transportation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to find the ground realities of the transportation problems in the urban areas;

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

(d) the measures taken by the Government to address the problems of public transportation system in the country?

### MoU between NTPC and NALCO

2961. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) have signed any MoU to establish a coal based power project recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the MoU will facilitate setting up of a Joint Venture (JV) Company between NTPC and NALCO and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this will strive to keep the cost of power generation to a minimum so as to benefit aluminium production for automobile and aerospace industries to improve energy efficiency; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Water Conservation

†2962. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to discuss the issue of water conservation with the State Governments; and

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

### MoU between NSIC and CSC

2963. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) has signed an MoU with Common Service Centres (CSC) e-Governance Services India Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the type of services that would be provided to MSME sector;

(c) whether any new platform would be designed or existing CSC platform would be used for above services;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether a training programme for the same has been planned and if so, the details thereof?

### Survey on Slum Population

2964. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGBHAI CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the population of slums in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Union Government has initiated the process of preparing/having a data-base of slums in the country and assisting the State Governments and UT administrations in conducting such surveys;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds released and utilised for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the names of the States/UTs which have initiated slum surveys and submitted their reports to the Union Government?

### Construction of Toilets

†2965. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the number of families benefited therefrom;

(c) whether any target has been fixed by the Government under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) during each of the last two years and the current year;

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

(e) whether these targets have been met satisfactorily; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken in this regard?

**Misbehaviour of Pilot of  
Air India**

2966. SHRI SU.  
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that recently an Air India pilot allegedly asked a crew member to clean his tiffin box after finishing his meal before taking off from Bangalore airport and provoked an argument between the crew member and the pilot and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints from certain crew members on this incident and also on misbehaviour of the pilot with the crew member and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action is being taken by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Inclusion of Kushinagar and Tripura  
under UDAN Scheme**

2967. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to include Kushinagar and Tripura under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) of UDAN scheme in near future and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(b) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to operationalise it on priority basis ?

**Operations of Wide Bodied Aircrafts**

2968. SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the approval for any airlines for operating with wide bodied aircrafts from Calicut International Airport are pending with DGCA or Airport Authority of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel  
Abhiyan Scheme**

†2969. SHRI RAMCHARAN  
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan Scheme;

(b) the number of sports competitions organised under the said scheme during each of the last three years along with the players benefited therefrom, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated/released by the Government to develop the playgrounds and organise sports competitions under the said scheme during the said period in view of the proposals given by the different States, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints with respect to non-reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by the States; and

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

**International Flight Operation from  
Bhubaneswar**

2970. SHRI SAPTAGIRI  
SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide direct international flight from Bhubaneswar to Dubai, Singapore and other countries;

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

(c) whether the Government will reconsider flight operation to Andaman & Nicobar Islands which was operating earlier on Kolkata-Bhubaneswar-Port Blair route and if so, the details thereof?

**Poisonous Ground-Water**

†2971. SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts of Uttar Pradesh where people are suffering from various ailments due to the use of poisonous ground water;

(b) the details of arsenic and other poisonous substances found in water of such districts along with the details of the arrangements made to provide safe drinking water to these areas;

(c) the details of the programmes implemented by the Government in Uttar Pradesh to deal with the potable water crisis; and

(d) the number of districts benefited from such programmes along with the details of the target fixed for future?

**Toll Rates on NHs**

2972. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by the Government for charging toll rates for all kinds of vehicles on National Highways (NHs) across the country;

(b) whether the Government is considering to introduce a national policy for revising the existing toll rates for NHs and reclassifying the vehicle types and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has hired a consultancy firm to prepare a draft policy to revamp the toll system and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a proposal to increase the toll rates for private cars and if so, the details and the objectives thereof; and

(e) whether this is likely to upset car users and invite resentment from various quarters and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Z-Morh Tunnel Project**

2973. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of work on Z-Morh Tunnel project in Jammu & Kashmir is very slow and needs to be accelerated;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of work on the said tunnel; and

(c) the time-frame set for completion of work thereon?

#### **Working of MSMEs in China**

2974. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has studied the working of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in China and the role of the Chinese Government therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is paying attention to production and marketing of MSME products on the lines of the Chinese system to help the Indian MSMEs sector to replicate the success of MSMEs in China;

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

(e) the details of the schemes being implemented at present for promoting MSMEs in the country, State-wise?

#### **Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries**

2975. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated and utilized under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI);

(b) the current number of projects/ programs that are being carried out through the SFURTI scheme and the number of artisans who have been benefited from the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the projects and activities in the State of Kerala under the SFURTI, particularly in relation to replacement of equipment, setting up of common facilities, support for development of new products, designs, packaging, market promotion, capacity building, etc.; and

(d) the total funds allocated to the Thiruvananthapuram Khadi Cluster and the number of artisans who have been benefited from it?

#### **Converting Sea Water into Potable Water**

2976. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert sea water into potable water by setting up of plants in Rameswaram to solve water crisis in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Opinion against Large Scale Adoption of Electric Vehicles**

2977. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:  
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the opinion being expressed by experts that India should not push for large scale adoption of electric vehicles for the next ten years as the vehicle is very costly and the dependence on imports of its spare parts is very high; and

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

#### **NHs Connectivity to Purnia**

2978. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to connect Purnia with National Highways (NHs) and Expressways of other parts of the country in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for timely completion of the said projects?

#### **Structural Audit of Canals and Dams**

2979. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is carrying out structural audit of all canals and dams in Gujarat; if so, the details thereof indicating the intervals at which the structural audit of canals and dams is carried out; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sub-letting of Central Government Quarters**

2980. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received regarding sub-letting of Central Government quarters in all the Government colonies including Aram Bagh Type-I and Type-II;

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

(c) the action taken by the Government/Directorate of Estate in the matter?

#### **Promotion of Renewable Energy by SNAs**

2981. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the success achieved by the Government for the development of renewable energy sources in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the promotion of renewable energy sources and their proper use in the country;

(c) whether any nodal agencies have been set up in the States for promotion of renewable energy and energy conservation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the works undertaken by these agencies in the renewable energy sector in the rural areas and the achievements made as a result of the same, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the details of incentives being given to the State Nodal Agencies (SNAs) for promotion, coordination and monitoring of projects in the States?

#### **Drinking Water Schemes in Haryana**

†2982. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme or project for drinking water in Rohtak/Jhajjar and Kosali regions of Haryana;

(b) if so, the time by which the said regions are likely to get drinking water; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Construction of Dams**

2983. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for construction of dams approved during the last four years and the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the details of pending proposals in this regard and the present status thereof, State-wise?

#### **Increase in Operational Charges of Air India**

2984. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

(a) whether Air India's operational charges have increased due to closure of air space over Pakistan in the aftermath of the Balakot airstrike;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of flights affected from US, Europe and Southeast Asia; and

(c) whether the Government has any record regarding excess expenditure/loss incurred by Air India for carrying out its flight operations to US and Europe due to the above reason and if so, the details thereof, month and sector-wise?

#### **Complaints against Boxing Coaches**

†2985. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints from players against their coaches in the boxing trials from many States including the Patiala district of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the procedure of the Government to provide jobs to boxers under sports quota?

#### **Funds under Drinking Water Schemes**

2986. SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released and utilized under various drinking water schemes during the past five years for the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Union Government has fixed any time frame for providing water to all households in the said State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Building New Airports**

2987. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has any plan to build new airports in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the investment involved in the process along with the names of the agencies assigned the works of their construction, maintenance, operation etc.?

#### **Relaxation in Eligibility Norms for Driving Licence**

2988. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to relax the eligibility norms of compulsory literacy/minimum educational qualification for obtaining driving licence;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof and the time by which these are likely to be relaxed and implemented;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to simplify the process of issuing licence by District Transport Officer (DTO) in order to put a check on unskilled vehicle drivers on the roads;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the process of issuing online licence is likely to be helpful in this regard?

#### **Status of DDUGJY in Bihar**

†2989. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER  
विद्युत मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds utilised by the Government under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds released by the Government of Bihar under the said yojana during the said period;

(c) whether any progress has been witnessed in Bihar under the said yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any review of the yojana has been conducted; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Legislation for Protecting Street Vendors**

2990. SHRIMATI GITABEN

VAJESINGBHAI  
RATHVA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND  
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to protect the rights of street vendors across the country by introducing suitable legislation in this regard; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation in protecting the means of livelihood of street vendors?

#### Investment in Solar Panels

2991. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the investment made by the Government in solar panels in Punjab and especially in Ludhiana;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase this investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to invest in any other renewable energy sources such as hydro-thermal or wind energy in Ludhiana; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Literacy among Minority Girls

2992. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the literacy and education levels of girls from minority communities;

(b) if so, the details of Schemes launched in this regard; and

(c) the number of persons who have received the benefit of these schemes, State/UT-wise?

#### Burning of Fly Ash in Power Stations

2993. SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fly ash being produced annually due to burning of coal in power stations ;

(b) the arrangements made to handle the fly ash by power stations;

(c) whether any byproducts are made from the fly ash and if so, the profit it adds to the power stations;

(d) whether fly ash contributes in pollution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Construction of Four-lane Highways

2994. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:  
DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether majority of the existing National Highways are two-lane and the same are being expanded to four-lane and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to construct four-lane roads in Perambalur, Thuraiyur, Musiri Kulithalai, Thokaimalai and Manapparai in Tamil Nadu;

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

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal to convert Thiruchengode to Sangagiri State Highway into National Highways and construct four-lane road on the same highway; and

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

#### Green Field Airport at Jewar

2995. SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the cost outlay for this new airport as well as the time-frame by which it is likely to become operational?

#### SAI Training Centres

2996. SHRI BALLI DURGA  
PRASAD RAO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Sports Centres of Sports Authority of India (SAI) presently functioning across the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes for setting up of SAI training centre at Vijayawada or Amravati in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

#### Proposals from State of Maharashtra

†2997. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL  
CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND  
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the Government of Maharashtra relating to Housing and Urban Affairs sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of proposals received and approved including the total number of proposals lying pending; and

(c) the time by which the Union Government is likely to give approval to the pending proposals?

#### Speed Limits on Expressways/ Highways

2998. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has recommended higher speed limits for buses

on expressways and highways and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government is considering to allow speed limit upto 120 km/hour for cars on expressways and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed that action would not be taken against drivers if the vehicle speed is within 5 per cent of the maximum prescribed speed limit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Welfare of Seafarers

2999. DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR.:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMAREHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to safeguard the interest of Indian crew members aboard in foreign vessels specially in exigencies like pirate hijacking or fatal accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether implementation of Indian Maritime Act by the Government has been inadequate in such cases and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether retired seafarers went on hunger strike over the discontinuance of the monthly ex-gratia allowance and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Seafarer Welfare Fund Society has been set up for Welfare of Indian seafarers and their families;

(e) if so, the details of objectives, functions and achievements thereof along with welfare schemes implemented by it and the funds released thereunder so far; and

(f) the further steps being taken by the Government for the welfare of seafarers and to resolve their grievance in the country?

#### International Cooperation Scheme

3000. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN  
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry offers the International Cooperation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives of this scheme;

(c) the details of beneficiaries under the scheme; and

(d) the manner in which this scheme seeks to boost MSME growth and help adjust MSMEs to changing market dynamics?

#### Status of Power Generation

3001. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of total power being generated in the country as on date, source-wise;

(b) the details of power generation capacity, demand, supply and difference between demand and supply in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the extent of progress made so far in the work of modernization of Bagdogra Airport?

#### Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project

3004. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Telangana has recently inaugurated Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether State Government of Telangana has requested the Union Government to declare the project as a National project and fund its entire cost;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total funds so far incurred on this project, share of the Union Government and number of people likely to be benefited therefrom and the remaining amount required for running this project; and

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

#### Six-laning of National Highways

3005. SHRI SHANMUGA  
SUNDARAM K.:  
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken the projects of six-laning of existing Salem to Coimbatore National

(c) the name of the States which are self-sufficient in power supply and those with inadequate power supply along with the quantum of their power supply, source-wise; and

(d) the quantum of power generated through various power projects of the States during the last three years along with the quantum of power given to the States out of the total power generated by them?

#### Hirakund Dam

3002. SHRI NITESH GANGA  
DEB:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water storage capacity of Hirakund dam reservoir in the State of Odisha has been reduced considerably in recent years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any funds for desilting Hirakund dam reservoir; and

(d) if so, the details of the funds allocated and its utilization thereof?

#### Upgradation of Bagdogra Airport

3003. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to upgrade the Bagdogra Airport into international airport is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

Highway (NH-544) including a ring road for the city of Coimbatore under the Bharatmala Pariyojana;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the funds allocated and utilized for the purpose;

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to compete the ongoing National Highway projects in Tamil Nadu in a time bound manner?

#### Mechanism for Quality Control

3006. SHRIMATI RAKSHA  
NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame guidelines/mechanism for controlling and monitoring Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants which are packing and refilling water in reusable containers whereby quality control is very cumbersome task; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Zero Ground Water Cities

3007. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cities in India are expected to have zero ground water soon; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect ground water in Tamil Nadu?

#### Roads under National Highway Projects

3008. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include more roads under the national highway projects for development and doubling in the country including Kolar in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of roads under consideration for the purpose; and

(d) the time frame set for completion of these works?

#### Ground Water Management

3009. DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the invisible and capricious nature of ground water has resulted in so much exploitation and overuse that it has led to visible and consistent water crisis and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the surveys by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and Indian and US space agencies ISRO and NASA, paint a frightening picture and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the salient features of Atal Bhujal Yojana for sustainable management of ground water with community participation;

(d) whether geographical priority areas have been identified under the yojana and if so, the details of the identified over-exploited and water stressed areas for the implementation of the yojana; and

(e) the details of water budgeting, preparation and implementation of water security plans and IEC activities related to sustainable ground water management in West Bengal?

#### Output of NTPC Plant at Tanda

3010. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the output of NTPC plant at Tanda during 2018-19 and 2019-20, Month-wise;

(b) whether the output was below average in January and February 2019;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the breakdown of the amount of power purchased by the Government of Uttar Pradesh during 2017-18, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, Supplier-wise?

#### Mode of Payment at Toll Plazas

†3011. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to promote payment of

toll through cashless mode at all the toll plazas; on National Highways across the country;

(b) whether the Government is satisfied with these steps or contemplating any other new scheme in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Non-functional Ports

3012. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ports presently functional and non-functional in the country, State-wise including Assam;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to revive the non-functional ports in the country including the Khulabandha and Pandu ports of Assam; and

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

#### Centrally Sponsored Schemes

3013. SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated centrally sponsored schemes pertaining to Jal Shakti sector in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Power Plants

†3014. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR  
RAWAT:



Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to set up power plants of NTPC at various locations of Misrikh region in Uttar Pradesh including Hardoi and Sitapur;

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

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to set up power plants in the said region;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the power plants are likely to be established in the said region and the estimated cost likely to be incurred thereon?

#### Urban Infrastructure Development in Maharashtra

†3015. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and released by the Government to implement the scheme of urban infrastructure development in Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds utilized out of the allocated funds during the said period; and

(c) the details of the works undertaken by using the said funds along with the time by which such works are likely to be completed, location/project-wise?

#### New Power Projects

3016. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of electricity in the country has increased during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production of electricity in the country is enough for meeting the demand and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the new power projects approved by the Government under the Central scheme in the country especially in Kerala?

#### Provision of Piped Drinking Water Supply

3017. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C.  
UDASI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of habitations which have been provided with the piped drinking water supply, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target by which all the habitations in the country will be provided with safe drinking water; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including a detailed action plan and budgetary provisions made in this regard?

#### Electricity Grid

3018. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large population in the country do not have access to the electricity grid and are living in complete darkness and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether kerosene lanterns are used by them which are extremely harmful to health and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide electricity to all in the country?

#### Regulation for use of Ground Water

3019. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of NITI Aayog's report stating that cities like New Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad will completely run out of ground water in coming years and if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(b) whether India has any legal mechanism to regulate use of ground water through tube-wells by households and residential societies and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check large scale abuse of ground water across metropolitan cities like Delhi?

#### UDAN-RCS

3020. SHRI DIBYENDU  
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal of the Government in detail to set up and run airports and UDAN-RCS in the country and the present status and connectivity details of existing airports under the scheme;

(b) whether the Government has only one flying training institute Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademi (IGRUA) for Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) with very limited seats therein and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trainees are completing minimum flying hours to get certification therefor and if so, the details along with the last seven years placement records thereof; and

(d) the details of the plan of Government to generate more employment in the civil aviation sector of the country during the next five years?

#### Village Electrification in North East Region

†3021. SHRI NABA KUMAR  
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages where electricity has been provided so far in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of villages electrified in North East region so far, State-wise;

(c) the number of villages yet to be electrified in North East region, State-wise including Assam;

(d) the time by which these are likely to be electrified;

(e) the scheme under which these villages are being electrified; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to provide any subsidy in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### Availability of Water

3022. SHRI BALUBHAU *ALIAS*  
SURESH NARAYAN  
DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual per capita availability of water is decreasing drastically and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether 90 per cent of waste water discharged in rivers fail to meet environmental norms and 65 per cent rainwater runoff goes into the sea and if so, the steps taken to check wastage of water?

#### Toll Gates in Tamil Nadu

3023. SHRI SELVAM. G. :

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of toll gates on the National Highways in Tamil Nadu (TN);

(b) whether the revenue generated through each such toll gate in TN has increased during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, toll gate-wise;

(d) whether the toll gates established by the State Governments are notified by the Union Government and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has fixed any time limit for the entry and exit at toll gates in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures being taken by the Union Government to ensure that all toll roads are fit for smooth travel?

#### Vacant Posts in National Sports Universities

†3024. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Sports Universities functional in the country at present;

(b) the number of posts of coaches lying vacant, State/University-wise;

(c) the number of foreign coaches appointed in the country along with the details of their salary and allowances, State-wise;

(d) the number of domestic coaches appointed in the country along with the details of their salary and allowances, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to promote domestic coaches over foreign coaches so as to provide opportunity to the talents of the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### Improving Air Connectivity in West Bengal

3025. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to revive and operationalise such defunct airports in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve air connectivity and infrastructure in West Bengal?

#### Settlement-cum-Closeout Agreement

3026. SHRI BALASHOWRY  
VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has entered into settlement-cum-closeout agreement with Gammon Infrastructure Projects Ltd. in connection with project of six laning of Vijayawada-Gundugolanu section of NH-5 and six-laning of Hanuman Junction bypass and four-laning of Vijayawada bypass in Andhra Pradesh under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) phase-V;

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

(c) whether NHAI has entered into an agreement with some other company to execute the said projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken/being taken by NHAI for timely completion of the works on these projects?

#### Potential Sites for Tidal Power

3027. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM  
S.:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking up the tidal power and research programme in a big way and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any potential sites have been identified for setting up tidal projects in the country including Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of the projections made/being made for the next five years for the tidal power?

#### Ban on Bringing Food on Board

3028. SHRI A.  
GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ban pilots from bringing their own food on board an aircraft;

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

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

### Irrigation Projects

3029. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ  
JALEEL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects being funded by Union Government in Maharashtra and Telangana;

(b) whether both the State Governments have requested the Union Government to declare some irrigation projects as National projects and to share the funding;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

### Sale of Art Collection

3030. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

(a) whether Air India is considering to sell its massive art collections of more than five decades and if so, the details and the objectives thereof; and

(b) whether these priceless art collections were dumped in a store room for the last two years causing damages to them and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

### Promotion of Sports in J&K

†3031. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medals won by Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) during the last five years;

(b) the details of the sports training facilities and funds allocated under various Centrally sponsored schemes for the promotion of sports in J&K, scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the participation of the players of J&K at national and international level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Construction of Sports Stadium in Assam

3032. SHRI KRIPANATH  
MALLAH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a project concept paper from the Sports and Youth Welfare Department, State Government of Assam for construction of an Indoor and Outdoor Sports Stadium at R.K. Nagar, where a plot of Government land measuring about 50 bighas has been allotted to the Karimganj District Sports Association a few years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government would make necessary arrangement for placing necessary fund for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### National Service Scheme

†3033. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students fixed to avail benefits under National Service Scheme from Bihar at present;

(b) whether the Government of Bihar has sent any proposal to increase the said number;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government so far to approve the above proposal and the outcome thereof as on date?

### Infrastructure Development in Amaravati

3034. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND  
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Capital Region Development Authority with the help of McKinsie and CRISIL which is looking after constructing new capital Amaravati for Andhra Pradesh has estimated that Rs. 51,000 crore would be required for construction of infrastructure projects in the new capital;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Union Government is extending the helping hand to CRDA and State Government in developing infrastructure in the region; and

(c) the details of works done by the Union Government so far in compliance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014?

### Use of Green Energy by Airports

3035. SHRI THOMAS  
CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Cochin International Airport Ltd. (CIAL) is one of the largest green energy companies in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its installed capacity, quantum of power generation and power consumption per day;

(c) whether the Government has incentivised any airports in the country to adopt a similar model like CIAL for solar powered operations to become self-sufficient in their respective consumption of power and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to provide any incentive to encourage use of green energy and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has conducted any study to measure carbon emissions saved by an airport fully powered by clean renewable resources and if so, the details thereof?

### Lift Irrigation Programme

3036. SHRI S.R. PARTHIBAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing Lift Irrigation Programme in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce new Lift Irrigation Programme in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Integrated Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project Proposals**

†3037. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals pertaining to Integrated Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project in the State of Maharashtra as on today; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

### **Flood Monitoring**

3038. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Flood Monitoring Panel of the Government is meeting at regular intervals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Irrigation Schemes in Assam**

3039. SHRI PRADYUT  
BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers in certain areas of Assam are unable to carry-out farming activities due to lack of irrigation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds sanctioned and released to State Government of Assam for irrigation schemes during the last three years; and

(c) the further action taken by the Union Government to enhance the irrigation system in Assam?

### **Open Defecation Free Villages**

3040. SHRI ANNASAHEB  
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the in-depth details of the open defecation free villages of the country;

(b) whether the Government is moving towards making our country open defecation free in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has recognized priority districts of Karnataka or at the national level to achieve cent-percent target and if so, the details thereof?

### **Drinking Water Facilities in Rural Areas**

3041. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved any scheme for improvement of drinking water facilities in the rural areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of hand pumps that are likely to be installed along with the number of schools and conventional sources which are likely to be included in these schemes; and

(d) the time by which these schemes are targeted to be completed?

### **Clean Drinking Water**

3042. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target of providing clean drinking water to all by 2024 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the coverage of clean drinking water is less than 5 per cent in States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha;

(c) if so, the steps taken for water conservation in view of the widening gap between water supply and demand;

(d) whether the Government plans to launch a JAN ANDOLAN for water conservation along the lines of the Swachh Bharat Mission to address agricultural, industrial and domestic water issues and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps/schemes being implemented for revival of traditional water bodies in the country; and

(f) whether preference is being given to piped irrigation instead of canal irrigation to conserve water and if so, the details thereof?

### **Har Khet Ko Paani Scheme**

†3043. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the success achieved in regard to motto of "Har Khet Ko Paani" under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor its success; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Amrit Dhara Scheme**

3044. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Amrit Dhara scheme along with the support provided by the Government to achieve these objectives;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any time limit to complete the said scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the specific locations in various States where this scheme will be made operational especially in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and North-Eastern region?

#### **Flood Management Projects**

†3045. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Flood Management Projects pending for approval, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for granting approval to the said projects?

#### **Financial Assistance to Jharkhand for Power Generation**

3046. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Jharkhand has sought additional financial assistance from the Union Government for increasing power generation in the State during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to sanction the funds required for the said purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Inter-linking of Rivers**

†3047. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inter-linking of rivers projects presently undertaken in the country along with the present status in this regard;

(b) the river-wise amount of funds spent on the said projects during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to undertake more such inter-linking of rivers projects in the country, particularly of Wainganga river and Painganga river to resolve the problem of drought in Buldhana, Chandrapur, Yavatmal, Washim, Amravati, Akola and Wardha districts of the Vidharbha region in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the latest status of the said proposal?

#### **Four-laning around Kurukshetra City**

†3048. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make four lane road around Kurukshetra city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve transportation system there and beautify the city?

#### **Akshay Urja Shops**

†3049. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up 'Akshay Urja Shops' in all districts of the country particularly in tribal areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of 'Akshay Urja Shops' across the country till date, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expand network of 'Akshay Urja Shops' by encouraging Private Entrepreneurs and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to set up and operate such shops in all districts of the country?

#### **Privatisation of Aviation Sector**

3050. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to privatize the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the privatization of aviation sector including airports;

(c) whether the Government has evaluated the functioning of ground handling services after the entry of private sector and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government obtained the opinion of the passengers regarding the services of private agencies and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to promote the aviation sector with low cost air service and if so, the details of action taken thereon; and

(f) the profit or loss of Air India during the last five years and the initiative taken by the Government to make Air India profitable?

#### **Highway Projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana**

3051. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:  
SHRI A. RAJA:  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:  
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of highway projects proposed and completed so far under the Bharatmala Pariyojana in the country, length and State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated, released and utilized under the said pariyojana, State/UT-wise;

(c) the name of districts which are to be connected with the highways under this pariyojana, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether certain projects thereunder are/have been delayed at multiple implementation stages specially in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to declare major road stretches in various States as National Highways under the Bharatmala Pariyojana and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra; and

(f) the time-frame set for completion of projects under the Bharatmala Pariyojana, State/UT-wise?

#### UDAN Scheme in Odisha

†3052. SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

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

(a) whether some proposals under UDAN scheme are under consideration for Odisha and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(b) the time by which work on the said proposals is likely to be started?

#### Financial and Technical Assistance

†3053. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial and technical assistance to the States including Uttar Pradesh to test and monitor the quality of water as well as cleanliness of the drinking water;

(b) if so, the amount provided and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the number of Water Quality Testing Laboratories (WQTL) established/ upgraded at different levels during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the alternate arrangements made or being made to test the quality of water in those areas where WQTL have not been established at the district level?

#### Civic Facilities to BPL Families

3054. DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has provided/proposes to provide Central financial assistance to the States/UTs for providing civic facilities to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the financial assistance provided to States/ UTs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any task force has been constituted by the Government for providing affordable houses to the urban poor;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the houses earmarked, if any, to the widows, Para Military Forces Personnel and others; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for construction of houses in metro cities in the country?

#### Linking of Cauvery and Godavari

3055. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to link Cauvery and Godavari rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any other proposals to link the Northern rivers with the Southern rivers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Identification of Talent for 2020 and 2024 Olympics

3056. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently constituted a committee under

Sh. Abhinav Bindra towards identifying and supporting talent for 2020 and 2024 Olympics;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations made by the committee?

#### Portal for Searching Sports Talent

†3057. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started a portal for searching sports talent among the young population of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of talented sports persons selected during the last two years;

(c) whether any offer has been made for including several sports persons in various schemes of the Sports Authority of India for giving approval to the selection process through portal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Research and Development in the Field of Hydrogen Fuel

3058. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:  
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research undertaken by the Government during the last three years for development and handling of hydrogen fuel;

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

(c) whether any research and development is being conducted to understand the usage of hydrogen fuel cells in the country;

(d) if so, the details of the research thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to establish hydrogen fuel research centres in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Flight Operation from Darbhanga

†3059. SHRI DILESHWAR  
KAMAIT:  
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:  
SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flight operations from Darbhanga (Bihar) has been inaugurated recently and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to construct an airport at Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur or at any place near to these two cities in the State of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the facilities necessary for flight operation have been set up there and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the flight operation has not been started till date and if so, the time

by which flight operation from Darbhanga to various cities is likely to be started;

(e) whether the Government is facing any difficulties in constructing airport at Muzaffarpur in Bihar; and

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

#### Agreements for Saubhagya

3060. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts being made by the Government to achieve the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana "Saubhagya" in near future in each State/UT including North East region;

(b) whether the Government has made any time limit to achieve these objectives and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the agreements signed/made for achieving the objectives of this Yojana, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the allocation made for the year 2019-20, State/UT-wise?

#### Status of Privatisation of Air India

3061. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:

SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA  
GAVIT:  
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH  
SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to privatise Air India and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any representations from various quarters including Air India Unions to not privatise Air India and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the quantum of debt decreased/increased and profits earned/losses incurred by the Air India during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) the capital infused by the Government in to Air India during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to revive Air India and to protect the interests of its employees in case of its privatisation?

#### Security Check at Airports

3062. SHRIMATI SAJDA  
AHMED:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to adopt any mechanism to save time of passengers during security check at airports across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to install automatic ray retrieval systems at airports and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is planning to introduce Biometric ID checking system there and if so, the details thereof?

#### National Policy for Urban Street Vendors

3063. SHRIMATI APARAJITA  
SARANGI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND  
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a 'National Policy for Urban Street Vendors' which is being implemented in the country and if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) the status of its implementation in the country including Odisha especially Bhubaneswar city;

(c) whether there are Town Vending Committees in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Khurda and Jatni Municipality for the implementation of said policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism for overseeing the implementation of the policy in the country including Odisha?

#### River Inter-Linking Projects

†3064. SHRI OMPRAKASH  
BHUPALSINH ALLIAS  
PAWAN  
RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the drought conditions in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) the latest status of river linking project which has been the priority of the Government;

(c) whether there has been regular water crisis in Usmanabad region, causing lot of hardship to the people and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Krishna-Marathwada Irrigation Project has been pending for a long time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and manner in which allocation of funds is likely to be made for the purpose along with the time by which the project is likely to be approved/implemented and the allocations are to be made?

#### Slum Rehabilitation Schemes

3065. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various slum rehabilitation schemes being implemented for slum dwellers and weaker sections in the country ;

(b) the actual targets and achievements of the said schemes during each of the last five years and the current year, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) the funds allocated/released, utilised and un-utilised for rehabilitation of the slum dwellers under the schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government has received suggestions/proposals from various States/UTs regarding evolving a common policy for rehabilitation of slum dwellers on the land owned by the Union Government and its public undertakings;

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

(f) whether the Union Government proposes to give property rights to slum dwellers; and

(g) if so, the details thereof including the modalities being worked out for the purpose and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Complaints against Arbitrary Air Fare

3066. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRI SANTOKH SINGH  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of complaints have been received from the public that the airline companies are charging arbitrarily from the customers during peak time and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(b) whether there are any plans to bring aviation turbine fuel under Goods and

Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor including the steps taken by the Government to make air travel affordable for Indians?

#### Accessibility of Water in Tamil Nadu

3067. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI  
KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the population that does not have access to water supply facility in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise; and

(b) whether the Government has reduced the budgetary allocation for drinking water schemes and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### Status of River Inter-Linking

†3068. SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to inter-link the rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which work on this action plan is likely to commence;

(c) whether few States become flooded whereas others face drought during monsoon season;

(d) if so, whether the Government is working on any action plan to channelise the water of flood affected areas to drought affected areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Transportation of Mortal Remains

3069. SHRI KUMBAKUDI  
SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for transporting mortal remains of Indians from foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has agreed to transport bodies at a flat rate against the practice of levying charges on the basis of the weight of the body including the coffin and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has agreed to transport bodies of children less than the age of 12 years at a price half of the flat rate and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is willing to transport mortal remains from the middle east for free and if so, the details thereof?

#### PMAY in Karnataka

3070. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Karnataka, particularly Bengaluru;

(b) the number of houses constructed in Karnataka, particularly Bengaluru under this Yojana;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to extend the timeline given for this Yojana;



(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the targets fixed for the State under the Yojana, particularly for Bengaluru city and other districts along with achievements made thereunder so far?

#### **Irregularities in Funds Diversion under PMAY**

3071. SHRI ARVIND  
DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set by the Union Government under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for construction of houses for urban poor across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that CAG has pointed out some irregularities or diversion of funds allocated by the Union Government under PMAY to State Government of Telangana;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government has stopped giving funds due to such diversion by the State under PMAY and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide pakka houses to poor people by the targeted date;

(e) whether there is any provision to build houses under PMAY without associating with the State Governments; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Airport at Ulundurpet in Tamil Nadu**

3072. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an airport at Ulundurpet in Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any plan to utilise the air strip there and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Maintenance and Modernization of Roads**

†3073. SHRI KANAKMAL  
KATARA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for maintenance and modernization of roads in rural and frontier regions is lying pending with the Union Government; and

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

#### **Slum Settlements along Railway Tracks**

3074. SHRIMATI PRATIMA  
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the existence of slum settlements in a linear pattern along railway tracks and the threat it poses for occurrence of accidents and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the corrective measures taken by the Government for their evacuation and rehabilitation?

#### **Dependence on Imported Coal**

†3075. SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of power generating projects in the country are dependant on imported coal;

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

(c) whether imported coal has increased the cost of power generation and consumers have to pay for this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the increase in the cost of electricity?

#### **Setting up of New Airports**

3076. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of air passengers are increasing every year;

(b) if so, the number of passengers handled by aviation sector across the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the Union Government is planning to set up some new airports in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Tamil Nadu in this regard

and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

#### **Transmission and Distribution Losses**

†3077. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM  
S.:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for bringing down transmission and distribution losses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the achievements made in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to give performance-based incentives to the States for reducing transmission and distribution losses;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to provide several crores to revamp and revitalize the entire power transmission and distribution system; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Passenger Traffic at Nashik and Shirdi Airports**

3078. SHRI HEMANT  
TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total passenger traffic recorded at Ozar, Nashik and Shirdi Airports during the last year and the current year;

(b) the number of flights being operated in a day, to and from this Airport;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of flights connecting Nashik and Shirdi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Smart City Projects in Guwahati

3079. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct Narengi-Kuruwa bridge over Brahmaputra river to ease the pressure of traffic congestion in Guwahati under Guwahati Smart City project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to set up optical fibre communication system in Guwahati city under the said project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to conserve water bodies like Sola Beel, Bharalu river, Mora Bharalu and Deeper Beel and soil conservation scheme in the hills of Guwahati under the Guwahati Smart City Project and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement the Smart City Projects in Guwahati city?

#### Potential of Inland Waterways

3080. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's inland waterways have been utilized to their full potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the country's cargo transported through inland waterways during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any proposal to increase the use of inland waterways and coastal shipping for greater cargo shipment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total funds sanctioned and utilised for the development of waterways in the country during the said period?

#### Rectification of Black Spots on NHs

3081. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of black spots identified on National Highways (NHs) across the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce and rectify these black spots particularly under Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts in Jharkhand?

#### Flight Operation from Bihta Airport

†3082. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which flight operation from Bihta airport is likely to be started by the Government;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to name Bihta airport after Swami Sahajanand Saraswati;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government in this regard; and

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

#### Charter of Passenger Service

3083. DR. M.K. VISHNU PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified the charter of passenger rights of air travellers to increase the protection and compensation amounts for passengers for deficient services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the same is likely to be notified; and

(b) the measures proposed to protect the interests of passengers who are being fleeced by private airlines by overcharging cancellation fees, change of travel date etc.?

#### Using Moringa as Water Purifier

3084. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the moringa seeds have proven to be a perfect water purifier besides being very cost effective and healthy;

(b) if so, whether the Government is considering investing more funds into the research and development of this local vegetable plant to achieve better and larger benefits for providing cheaper and clean drinking water to the masses and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has coordinated with the Ministry of Agriculture for increasing the production of Moringa vegetables for larger, better and beneficial use and if so, the details thereof?

#### Impact of Delayed Monsoon

3085. SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the monsoon has been delayed in several States and people are starving for drinking water; and

(b) if so, whether the Government is allocating funds to various States to augment the supply of drinking water in those States and if so, the details thereof?

#### Inconvenience to Passengers

3086. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that large number of flights, on domestic and international sectors operated by all the airlines in the country frequently cancel

their schedules thereby leaving the passengers in the lurch by giving false status informations and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether many of the passengers miss their exams, career, family gathering, other important activities, etc. due to lapse on the part of airlines and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of action, like proper briefing on the status of the flights including compensation, welfare of service taken by the airlines including by the low cost carriers; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to establish a Government Police Post inside the airports beyond the security check area, for the passengers to register their complaints on the mis-management by the airline officials during such occasions and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Dam Projects**

†3087. SHRI BHANU PRATAP  
SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of dam projects implemented in the country;

(b) the number of dam projects pending and the number of projects which have started operating, till-date, across the country; and

(c) the present status of dam projects in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh?

#### **IPDS**

3088. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
DR. (PROF.) KIRIT  
PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and the status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the total budgetary allocation made along with the quantum of funds released under the said scheme, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the steps taken by the Government under the scheme to reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses and to ensure 24x7 power supply as mentioned under the objectives of the scheme; and

(d) the details of completion of work in different towns of Andhra Pradesh under the said scheme?

#### **National Sports University at Imphal**

3089. DR. RAJKUMAR  
RANJAN SINGH:  
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities like a court, an executive council, an academic and activity council, a board of sport studies and a Finance Committee have been constituted in the National Sports University at Imphal under the Act, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Vice-Chancellor and other Statutory posts have been created and appointments made and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given in-principle approval for the construction of 70 National Highways (NHs) in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in this regard along with the time by which the work is likely to be started thereon;

(d) the names and length of the said proposed highways; and

(e) the amount likely to be spent on these projects along with the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

#### **Assessment of UDAY**

3092. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the performance of Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) which was launched for the much needed revival of distribution utilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for persuading/convincing the States for clearing their entire outstanding dues?

#### **Silt Accumulation in Water Bodies**

†3093. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
PINTU:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rain water is not getting harvested due to accumulation of silt in the

(c) whether there is any inspection report on the functioning of the University and progress of construction which do not conform with the Act and if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government would consider to open a sports university in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Encouragement for Outdoor Games**

†3090. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to encourage modern day children and youth over exposed to electronic gadgets to go to park and play outdoor games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to promote indigenous sports; and

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

#### **New NHs in Himachal Pradesh**

†3091. SHRI SURESH KUMAR  
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

rivers, water-reservoirs, ponds etc. in the country specially in Sitamarhi district of Bihar resulting in the depletion of ground water level considerably; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes made/being made to resolve this problem and to maintain the level of ground water?

#### Expert Committee on MSME Sector

3094. SHRI SRINIVAS KESINENI:  
SHRIMATI RAKSHA  
NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed and set up an expert committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector to review the framework and suggest long term solutions in this sector for the economic and financial sustainability in the recent economic reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether the Government has considered/accepted the recommendations of the said Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed by which the suggestions/recommendations of the Committee would be implemented?

#### Ongoing/Pending Projects of NHs

3095. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ongoing/pending projects of National Highways (NHs) in the country particularly in Bihar;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released by the Government to implement each of these projects in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to complete these projects in the country particularly in Bihar within a stipulated time period;

(d) whether the Government has received any representations from public representatives regarding various anomalies in National Highway projects in the country particularly in Bihar during the said period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government thereon?

#### Promotion of Solar Energy System

†3096. SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides/proposes to provide any type of grant to Government/Non-Governmental Institutes and the common man to promote solar energy system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is imparting training for installing solar pump and solar plant and the method of its utilization under 'KUSUM' scheme in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has provided any grant/subsidy to farmers for the said purpose; and

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

#### Scheme for Wakf Properties

†3097. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme of the Government under which Wakf properties lying unused throughout the country may be utilized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to remove illegal occupation of such properties?

#### Completion of River Port

3098. SHRIMATI PRATIMA  
BHOMIK:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any timeline for the completion of the river port over river Gomti of Tripura at Sonamura and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any plan has been drawn up within which the movement of Cargo ship from the Sonamura river port would start through the river system of Bangladesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Promotion of Talent of Sports Persons

†3099. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote the talents of sports persons of village level and to encourage them for national and international events and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of sports authorities in rural areas and the allocation made to sports authorities during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to prepare a time bound programme to encourage talented children in sports at district level and to decentralize the sports activities and if so, the details thereof as on date and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Laying of Sewer Lines in Towns

†3100. SHRI RAVINDRA  
KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive plan to lay sewer lines in the towns and metropolitan cities of the country in view of onset of monsoon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the sewage treatment plants become dysfunctional during the

monsoon and sewage get mixed with the drain water and only a small percentage of sewage could be treated; and

(d) if so, the cities which have been earmarked for construction of treatment plant and sewerage system under AMRUT and Swachh Bharat Mission?

#### Schemes for Urban Housing

3101. SHRI KOMATI REDDY  
VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned any houses under the schemes implemented for urban housing in the country during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, State/UT-wise?

#### Schemes for Development of MSMEs

†3102. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the implementation of various schemes for development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether loan based capital subsidy scheme is being implemented for technological upgradation of MSMEs of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of MSMEs covered under this scheme in the Country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

#### Completion of Works by Contractors

3103. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of works above fifty crores finished and handed over to client Government departments by class I contractors through work Agencies such as CPWD, HSCC, NBCC, RITES, etc. during the last five years, State and project-wise including district Satna;

(b) the details of works completed in time as per original estimated time in tender document and the details of works in cost escalation out of them;

(c) the details of works given to the same contractor and the details of cases in which fresh tenders were called for completion of the remaining work; and

(d) the action taken by the Government/work agencies against class I contractors for delayed completion of works indicating the contractors which have been disqualified from bidding or demoted?

#### Distressed Condition of Aviation Sector

3104. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the Civil Aviation Sector for being in such a distressed condition with public and private airlines reporting losses consecutively year on year or shutting down;

(b) whether the member of private airlines registered in India have reported losses annually in the past five years and if so, the details thereof, airline and year-wise;

(c) whether any private airline has reported an annual profit during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for shutting down of Jet Airways; and

(e) whether the Government is doing anything to ensure that the employees of Jet Airways are paid their dues and do not meet the same fate as the employees of Kingfisher Airlines and if so, the details thereof?

#### Land acquired by NTPC

†3105. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of boundary wall has been completed by NTPC after acquiring the land in the Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the number of such proposals pending before the Government for consideration in the country including the district of Chhatarpur in Madhya Pradesh alongwith the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter and work to start?

#### Allocation of Funds for Projects under Char Dham Programme

†3106. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for all weather road projects under Char Dham programme and the length of roads earmarked for this purpose;

(b) whether there is any dispute/litigation regarding the said project;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government for early disposal of the said dispute/litigations;

(d) whether any revised time frame is set for completion of the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Airline Hub

3107. SHRI K.  
MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal for the introduction and development of airline hub in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for airlines hub in the State; and

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

### Educating Minority Girls

†3108. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making efforts to provide better education to girls belonging to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the school drop-out rate among girls belonging to minority communities particularly Muslim community across the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to take any concrete measures to reduce school drop-out rate among girls belonging to Muslim community and if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage of Potable Water

3109. SHRI RAJ KUMAR  
CHAHAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI  
जल शक्ति मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fatehpur-Sikri is facing acute shortage of potable water as the water available there is contaminated with high levels of fluoride which has also created serious health hazards for the residents of the area;

(b) if so, the plans which have been envisaged by the Government to overcome this problem;

(c) whether the Government is working in unison with international agencies/multi-lateral agencies/State

Governments/local bodies for seeking their assistance for obviating this problem and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any timeline has been drawn to resolve this issue and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Development of NHs in Karnataka

3110. SHRI B.Y.  
RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in Karnataka during each of the last three years and the current year, NH-wise;

(b) whether the works taken up on NHs are completed as per the schedule, and if so, the details of the works completed/under progress/pending as on date, NH-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set up any mechanism for monitoring the work on NHs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of NHs constructed or renovated in Karnataka by National Highways Authority of India during the said period;

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of NHs and roads in Karnataka; and

(f) the funds allocated and utilised on construction, maintenance and repair of NHs in Karnataka during the said period, year-wise?

### Employment Generation under MSME Sector

†3111. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR  
SAHU:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector has emerged as a highly vibrant and dynamic sector of the Indian economy and has immense potential in employment generation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether large number of employment opportunities are created with use of relatively less capital in the MSME sector and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether there is ambiguity on the data of employment generated through MSME sector, if so, the facts thereof;

(d) the number of jobs created in MSME sector during the last three years including the current year, year-wise and target set to create more jobs and its likely impact of MSMEs;

(e) whether the Government is taking any measures to make the MSMEs a major attraction for investment and job creation in the country and if so, the response of the Government in this regard;

(f) whether to boost the MSME sector, a separate policy and sector-wise policy is required and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to frame separate policy and sector-wise policy to boost the MSMEs; and

(g) whether the sector is resolving the problem of lending from the banking sector and if so, the details thereof?

### Taxes/Tariffs Exemption to MSMEs

3112. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to exempt taxes and tariffs to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which are willing to invest in various regions in the country including Bihar, Delhi/NCR, Bundelkhand region and North-Eastern region in near future;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

### Scholarships to Minority Students

3113. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:  
SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide scholarships to one crore students from minority communities each year and also to narrow down the gap between mainstream school education and the madrasa school system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps proposed to be taken to implement the scheme?

### Modernisation of Hydro Power Projects

3114. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the potential of States which are capable of generating hydro power;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to harness the potential;

(c) the details of the improvement/modernisation carried out to increase the output of various hydel power projects and the funds allocated and utilised for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether various hydro power projects allotted to the private sector in various States are yet to take off and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay, project-wise?

### Issuance of FASTags

3115. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued FASTags to ease the traffic congestion at various toll plazas on national highways across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all toll plazas do not have dedicated lane for FASTag holders and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to have a dedicated lane for such tag holders at all the toll plazas;

(d) whether some of the toll plazas are not accepting the FASTags and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

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

### Plantation along the National Highways

†3116. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:  
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to plant saplings on both sides of the newly constructed and upgraded National Highways (NHs) in the country;

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

(c) the number of saplings planted along the newly constructed Shivpuri - Devas four-lane National Highway in Madhya Pradesh along with the name of

the species and the present status of the same;

(d) whether the Government proposes to plant saplings during conversion/expansion of four-lane roads to six-lane and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of trees cut down during the construction work of road on Udaipur-Himmat Nagar-Ahmedabad stretch along with the number of saplings planted along that stretch?

### Assistance to MSMEs

3117. SHRI D.K.SURESH:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of economic development of the country and play major role in industrialization of rural and backward areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether credit exposures to MSMEs is a major challenge and it still faces lack of credit from Banking sector and if so, the response of the Government thereon;

(c) whether MSMEs do not have the ability or the money to develop much

needed finance vertical within their organization and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a need to offer them the right products and funding at the right time and help them grow and if so, the steps taken by the Government to assist entrepreneurs in MSME sector; and

(e) whether the Government is taking any measures to attract more investment to set up adequate number of MSMEs with state-of-the-art technology and if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

### Promotion of Sports Activities

†3118. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:  
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to encourage/promote the sports activities in the country;

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

(c) the annual budgetary allocation made by the Government to promote sports activities in various States, State-wise;

(d) whether there is any new scheme for the purpose of development of infrastructural activities in Schools and Colleges in the country, particularly for Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any new scheme especially for Bihar and Jharkhand for this purpose in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Soil Erosion**

†3119. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several villages of the country have been wiped away due to soil erosion caused by flood and rain during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the extent to which soil erosion took place and the number of villages wiped away, State-wise and the damage caused to life and property as a result thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to tackle the situation;

(d) whether the Government is aware that there is extreme soil erosion taking place at coastal areas, coasts and off shore of the country including Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to allocate fund for affected States on the line of sustainable coastal protection and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government for conservation/prevention of coastal areas to check soil erosion caused by heavy flood and rain?

**Development of Sports Infrastructure**

†3120. SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to build basic sports infrastructure in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized in this regard and the basic sports infrastructure created during the last three years and the current year?

**Higher Education for Minority Girls**

†3121. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the higher education among girls belonging to minority communities is not satisfactory in the country;

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

(c) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government to promote higher education among girls and women from minority communities in the country especially in the rural areas; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated/ utilized to promote higher education among girls and women from minority communities during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise?

**Power Generation and Pending Power Projects**

3122. SHRI PARBATBHAI  
SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sources of power generation in every State and the quantum of power generated therefrom during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of pending power projects, State/UT-wise;

(c) the names of pending power projects especially in respect of Gujarat and the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government in this direction?

**Road Accidents**

3123. SHRIMATI DARSHANA  
VIKRAM JARDOSH:  
SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:  
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP  
RUDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the data released by the Government, road accidents across the country kill close to 1,50,000 people every year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per the World Health Organisation report, India might be losing over 2,99,000 people every year and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the number of road accidents in the country has been increasing over the years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of road accidents including number of persons killed in the

country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce such accidents in the country; and

(f) the other measures being taken by the Government to address the engineering, education, enforcement, monitoring and emergency care standards for road safety?

**Challenge of Mobility/Transportation System**

†3124. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the huge challenge for mobility/transport system in the country in view of the projected 51 per cent increase in urban population by the year 2050;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to meet this challenge;

(c) whether the Government has assigned accountability in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Chemical Contamination of Potable Water**

†3125. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:



(a) whether the arsenic, fluoride, nitrate, lead pesticides, salinity, iron and pollutants relating to microbes in the natural and man made resources are also polluting the potable water in the rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to have regular chemical analysers of potable water and installation of well equipped water testing laboratories at each district level to control the pollutants and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide potable water testing kits in the rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to conduct any survey to ascertain the purity of potable water across the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Package for MSMEs**

3126. SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a new package for benefit of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve social security benefits for workers working in MSMEs through a targeted approach in aspirational/backward

districts including Chatra, Latehar, Palamu, Jalore, Sirohi etc. across the country?

#### **Proposals for Development of Waterways**

3127. SHRI MANICKAM  
TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of proposals lying pending with the Government for development of waterways in the country;

(b) whether the Government has initiated the proposals for their approval since waterways transport reduce the transport cost significantly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the future plan of action of the Government in this regard?

#### **Repair and Renovation of Water Bodies**

3128. SHRI P.  
RAVEENDRANATH  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects undertaken by the Union Government for repair and renovation of water bodies across the country during the last five years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government for this purpose to States including Tamil Nadu during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has also contemplated any plan of action to identify the water bodies which need renovation through State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed by the Union Government in this regard?

#### **Expansion of Urban Fringes**

3129. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI B. Y.  
RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expansion of urban fringes is taking place at rapid pace in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new challenge relating to management of rural urban fringe has become critical in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that there is a need of immediate long term planning for sustainable development of urban and rural in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Assistance for Irrigation Facility**

†3130. SHRI JASWANT SINGH  
BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance through electricity connection required for irrigation facility for development of agriculture in tribal areas in Dahod district of Gujarat and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the further reaction of the Government in the matter?

#### **Dream-Liner Flight Services**

3131. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has recently stopped all domestic Dream Liner flight services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such decision;

(c) whether there is any plan to restart the service in any sector from any of the Indian Airports and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has received any requests from passengers to restart the Dream Liner flight in Dubai-Kochi-Delhi sector and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

#### **Tap Water in every Village**

†3132. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN  
DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously considering to provide tap water

supply in each house of every village of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Retirement Benefits to Employees

3133. SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names and designation of officers/employees who have retired after attaining the age of superannuation during the calendar year 2018 from the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi;

(b) whether the officers/employees of the Government of India Press, Minto Road who have retired during the said period have been provided with their all dues (retirement benefits) etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the grounds on which their retirement benefits have been withheld; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

#### Setting up of MSMEs in Odisha

3134. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR  
ULAKA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Industries/Enterprises (MSMEs) set up in KBK region of Odisha till date;

(b) the number of MSMEs functional/non-functional out of these;

(c) whether the Government has made any efforts to encourage small scale industries especially in Rayagada/Koraput districts in KBK region of Odisha; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Check Dams

†3135. SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operative check dams at present in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the said dams are regularly cleaned and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the operative monitoring system for regular cleaning of these dams;

(d) whether the operative monitoring system can trace for non-cleaning of these dams and if so, the details thereof for the last three years; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Development of Buckingham Canal as Waterway

3136. SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Buckingham canal between Kakinada-Puducherry as river transport system and to extend it up to Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the Government also proposes to set up eight terminals in Andhra Pradesh *viz.* Kakinada, Rajamahendravaram, Tadepalligudem, Eluru, Vijayawada, Kothapatnam, Mypadu, Dugarajapatnam, if so, the details thereof and progress made in this regard so far; and

(d) whether our country has the potential of only 0.28% in term of goods carriage through shipping whereas other countries like Netherlands has 42%, France 15%, Hungary 15%, Germany 19%, Belgium 13%, USA 15% through Inland waterways, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to learn from European Union in this regard?

#### Price Rise by Low Cost Airlines

3137. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA  
CHARANDAS  
MAHANT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of steep price rise imposed by low cost airlines after the closure of Jet Airways and if so the details thereof; and

(b) whether the DGCA has any monitoring system to control the rise in

fares in the interest of passengers and if so, the details thereof?

#### Ganderbal Hydroelectric Power Project

3138. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 93 MW New Ganderbal Hydroelectric Power Project has been awarded/ allotted a long ago but no work has started till date; and

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

#### Sale of KVIC Products

3139. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has organised exhibitions in different parts of the country to promote the sale of KVIC products;

(b) if so, the total number of exhibitions organised during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the total expenditure incurred in this regard during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether such exhibitions have helped in increasing the acceptability and sale of Khadi products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Impact of Gangetic River Dolphins**

3140. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the various concerns raised regarding the impact on the Gangetic river Dolphins due to the National Waterways Projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed waterway for cargo vessels will pass through the Bhagalpur district, which is a reserve for Gangetic river Dolphins and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to measure the impact of these projects on the Gangetic river Dolphins and other aquatic animals and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the Gangetic river Dolphins will not be adversely affected by the National Waterways Projects?

**Vehicular Speed**

3141. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the average vehicular speed during peak hours in all Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities of India;

(b) whether the Government proposes to publish surveys similar to Swachh Sarvekshan for average travel speed across Indian cities to introduce healthy

competition amongst cities to enhance urban mobility speed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has considered using "Internet of Things" technology to control traffic signals and monitor traffic and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to impose heftier fines for breaking traffic rules and if so, the details thereof?

**Small Smart City**†3142. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:  
SHRI JANARDAN  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated on the lines of smart city for the development of small towns/cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government is likely to consider any scheme in future for the overall development of small towns and if so, the details thereof?

**Schemes Benefiting Non-minorities**

3143. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes of the Ministry which benefit non-minorities also

along with the rationale for such schemes; and

(b) the expenditure incurred under such schemes during the last four years and the current year?

**Allotment of Slots for Airlines**3144. SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of slots along with schedule per airport of recently defunct airline, across the country are lying vacant and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any request for allotment of slot has been made to the competent authority at New Delhi to operate everyday an additional Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi flight and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether any mechanism is being worked out for allotment of slots of the defunct airline and if so, the details thereof?

**Boxing Trials**†3145. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH  
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where boxing trials were held during the last three years and the names of the boxers who were given opportunity to participate in these trials;

(b) whether any complaints have been received regarding not sending the international/national boxing champions for boxing trials or competition; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**Funds under IHSDP**3146. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI  
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to various States/UTs under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the funds utilized by the various States/UTs under the programme during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether there has been regular inspections to check the utilization of the funds under the programme and if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of Flyovers on NH-10 in Haryana**†3147. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to construct flyovers on National Highway-10 between Bahadurgarh to

Balor, Bahadurgarh to Naya Gaon and Rohad to Dahkora stretches in Jhajjar district of Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps likely to be taken by the Government for smooth movement of traffic on these stretches?

### Ground Water Shortage

3148. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that almost every State in the country is facing acute shortage of water and every year the underground water level is decreasing;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;

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

(e) whether climate change has made any impact in decreasing the level of underground water and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there is a report of United Nations that by 2030 the most precious thing in the world would be water and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(g) whether the Government is providing financial assistance for rain water harvesting; and

(h) if so, the details thereof including the assistance given to the various States/

UTs during each of the last five years, State/ UT-wise?

### Delay in Payments by DISCOMs

3149. SHRI KANUMURU  
RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the issue of delay in payments by DISCOMs to private producers like NTPC which are posing a big problem to DISCOMs as well as power producers for the solar power supplies made to the projects under National Solar Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to control the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Power Tariffs fixed by CERC

3150. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has fixed the power tariffs according to consumption of power;

(b) if so, the details of power tariffs on various slabs;

(c) whether the Government noticed that in New Delhi Municipal Council area, the consumers are levied more charges than their consumption; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Silt in Ganga

†3151. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has examined the silt deposits in Ganga river in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has also been involved in this examination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Electrification of Villages

3152. SHRIMATI RATHVA  
GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for electrification of all un-electrified villages across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to work out off-grid solutions for electrification of villages located in far flung areas where grid extension is neither feasible nor cost effective?

### Impact of Sea Eradication

3153. SHRI H.  
VASANTHAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the impact of sea eradication has caused considerable loss in portion of the western coastline in Kanyakumari district during the last two decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps being taken by the Government to protect the beaches and fishing harbour in Kanyakumari district;

(c) whether any proposals/study reports/representations have been received from any fishermen community from the Kanyakumari district/concerned department of State/Centre for developing Thengapattinam fishing harbour and also for 600 ft. length fly over bridge between Thengapattinam and Eayumanthurai in Thamirabarani river;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto along with the proposed fund allocation in this regard?

### Pollution in Ganga

3154. SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution level has declined in the holy river Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof region/place-wise; and

(c) if not, the action taken/likely to be taken against the officials responsible for the failure of Ganga river cleaning programmes?

**Declaration of Manmad-Male-Dhule-Indore Stretch as NH**

†3155. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether road on Manmad-Male-Dhule-Indore stretch has been declared as National Highway (NH);

(b) if so, the date on which it was declared as NH;

(c) the work done on the said NH so far; and

(d) the present status of progress made on this NH?

**Performance of Power Plants**

3156. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State run plants with combined capacity of 30,000 MW are more than 25 years old and are fit to be retired or retrofitted and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these plants are operating at poor performance parameters such as high heat rate, high auxiliary power consumption and low plant load factor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of these plants are load centre based plants and located far from coal mines leading to higher cost of transportation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Completion of Delayed Housing Projects**

3157. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that builders have failed to deliver flats to buyers even after several years thereby forcing buyers to pay both rent and EMI;

(b) if so, the details thereof including compensation paid to buyers;

(c) whether large number of residential housing projects have been delayed in different parts of the country;

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

(e) whether a number of complaints have been received against builders regarding violation of RERA rules;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government for completion of delayed housing projects in the country?

**Water Crisis**

†3158. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute crisis of water in the country;

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

(c) the State-wise details of the projects being run in the country including Haryana to deal with the said problem along with the extent of work done so far?

**Funds to Corporations**

3159. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has released/sanctioned funds/grants for corporations/municipalities in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the funds released and utilisation reported during the last three years and the current year?

**Rupsi Airport in UDAN Scheme**

3160. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has included Rupsi Airport of Assam in UDAN scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for it; and

(c) the present status of this airport and the time by which it is likely to be ready for civil and defence airline operation and also the reasons for delay, if any?

**Startup India Programme for MSME Sector**

†3161. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken initiative for providing the benefits of Startup India programme to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the mutual relations between the big and the small enterprises so that both the sectors give pace to the global economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Welfare of Sanitation Workers**

3162. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ensure a safe and healthy environment at workplace for the sanitation workers given that the death rate of sanitation workers has been increasing rapidly;

(b) whether the sanitation workers have been facing a delayed payment of wages and if so, the reasons for such delay; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to avoid this?

#### Sick Small Scale Units

†3163. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:  
SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM  
S.:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an unprecedented increase in sickness of Small Scale Industries (SSIs) units in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove recession in SSI sector during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government is considering constituting a committee of experts to look into the matter and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken or proposed to take any necessary measures to tackle the increasing problem of sick small scale units and if so, the details thereof till date and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Solar Industry

3164. DR. PRITAM  
GOPINATHRAO  
MUNDE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI GIRISH  
BHALCHANDRA  
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has no real policy or plan in place to ensure solar panel manufacturing and if so, the response of the Government thereon;

(b) the present share of manufacturing of solar panels in GDP as compared to 2014;

(c) whether India is regarded by the global solar industry as one of the most promising markets and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Indian imports mostly from China accounted for 90% of 2017 sales up from 86% in 2014;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon;

(f) whether India needs a solar manufacturing strategy and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to encourage domestic manufacturing of solar panels to reduce the import bill?

#### Mercury and Cyanide in Well Water

3165. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints about the dangerous levels of mercury and cyanide detected in well water and other water sources near gold manufacturing industries in the country including Kerala;

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

(c) whether the Government has responded to this crisis and taken any effective measures; and

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

#### C-ATFM

3166. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to open an Air Traffic Flow Management-Central Command Centre (C-ATFM) in New Delhi;

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

(c) the time by which it is likely to be opened and start functioning;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open such centre in other parts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the location identified for the same and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

#### Solar Energy Corporation of India

3167. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
DR. PRITAM  
GOPINATHRAO  
MUNDE:

SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI GIRISH  
BHALCHANDRA  
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether solar and wind power industries have been demanding dispute resolution mechanism for resolving the unforeseen disputes that may arise in implementation of contractual agreements between solar or wind power developers and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) or State-run power giant NTPC and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has decided to set up a three-member Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) to look into disputes beyond contractual agreements;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted for selection of the member of the DRC;

(d) the time by which the aforesaid committee will start functioning;

(e) whether SECI has signed multiple Power Supply Agreements (PSAs) with distribution licensees across the country; and

(f) if so, the names of the States with whom the multiple PSAs with distribution licensees have been signed?

#### Exemption of Registration Fees for Battery Operated/Electric Vehicles

3168. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI SU.  
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:  
SHRI A.  
GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of electric/battery operated vehicles in operation in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the amount being charged as registration fees for such electric/battery operated vehicles in the country at present;

(c) whether the Government proposes exemption of registration fees for battery operated/electric vehicles to promote the use of eco-friendly vehicles in the country and if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the amendment is likely to be made;

(e) whether this step is likely to help in combating air pollution, reduce India's dependence on oil imports and generate employment in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the operation of battery operated/electric vehicles in the country?

#### Manufacturing and Demand of Solar Cells

3169. SHRI KOTHA  
PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are defined milestones by the Government to achieve the target of 100 GW solar capacity and 60 GW wind capacity by 2022;

(b) if so, the details of the targets fixed and the achievements made in this regard on Year-Over-Year (YOY) basis;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the ratio of manufacturing and demand of solar cells in India is unity; and

(e) if not, the calculated effective fiscal deficit for target of 100 GW in terms of current GDP?

#### Bid to Host 2026 Youth Olympics and 2032 Olympics

3170. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assured the International Olympic Association (IOC) that visas would be granted to participants/athletes from all countries including Pakistan in events which would take place in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India bid to hold 2026 Youth Olympics and 2032 Olympics;

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

(e) whether denial of visas to Pakistani players made IOC to suspend talks with Indian Olympic Association and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

#### Construction of Indoor Stadiums in Karnataka

3171. SHRI ANNASAHAB  
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full fledged indoor stadiums sanctioned for Karnataka State through the Khelo India Scheme till date and the number of those constructed so far;

(b) whether there are any proposals in this regard from Chikkodi in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government consider setting up of indoor stadiums and swimming pools through Khelo India at Nippani, Sankeshwar and Athani Towns in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Acquisition of Jet Airways

†3172. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI  
MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Etihad Airways has shown interest in the acquisition of Jet Airways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted/proposes to accept related demands put by Etihad Airways;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has devised any plan in collaboration with the banks to get Jet Airways out of this crisis; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Agro Based Cottage and Rural Industries

3173. DR. SUJAY  
RADHAKRISHNA  
VIKHE PATIL:  
SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:  
SHRI SANTOKH SINGH  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes being implemented by the Government for promoting and setting up of agro-based cottage and rural industries in the country especially in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of job opportunities created by the agro-based cottage industries in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of agro-based small and cottage industries being operated by the Government along with the contribution made by the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more agro-based cottage industries in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose and time by which such industries are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise;

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to set up more agro-based cottage industries in the country; and

(f) the share of agri-business in the MSME sector and the steps taken by the Government to provide infrastructure, marketing and distribution facilities to agri-business industry, especially in Punjab?

#### Assistance for MSMEs in North Eastern Region

3174. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures and the action taken by the Government for promotion, financial assistance and technology support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the North Eastern Region as per MSME Act;

(b) whether the Government proposes any new steps for generation of more employment by providing more assistance to the MSMEs in the region; and

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

#### Renewable Energy Capacity in Rural Areas

3175. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to augment renewable energy capacity in the rural areas where it is having large social impact;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to give priority sector status to this sector to enable it to fetch low cost finances; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

#### Assessment of Hydro Power Production Capacity

†3176. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of hydro power production in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has assigned responsibility to various agencies for conducting survey for assessment/study of the said capacity and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of hydro power being produced in the country presently by the States, State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of hydro power projects pending in the country for various reasons, State/UT-wise;

(e) the quantum of funds spent on these projects so far;

(f) whether the Government has conducted any loss assessment occurring due to the delay; and

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

#### Institutes with Minority Status

†3177. SHRI MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of educational institutes with minority status in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided to these institutes, State/District-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal of the Government to increase or reduce the State financial assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Air Connectivity to Tamil Nadu

3178. SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN: SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced any new route to Tamil Nadu during the past five years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Adventure Sports

†3179. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Adventure sports popular in the world at present;

(b) whether any adventure sport is popular in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal to start adventure sports in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to develop any adventure sports in hilly region of Netarhat of the State of Jharkhand; and

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

#### Water Problems

3180. SHRI SRIRANGA APPA BARNE:

SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the whole country is in a severe grip of shortage of water and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need to prioritise and make appropriate interventions to solve water problems in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that water, conservation and irrigation both require a massive effort based on public



participation and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to integrate their efforts towards conservation and management; and

(e) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto and the plan prepared by the Union Government in this regard?

**Foreign Investment in Renewable Energy Sector**

3181. SHRI P.  
RAVEENDRANATH  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to invite foreign investment for development of renewable energy sector including solar power generation industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total investment received by this sector during the last five years?

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