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Questions For Written Answers

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[ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS - SHIPPING - WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION - DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION - RURAL DEVELOPMENT - PANCHAYATI RAJ - MINES - CIVIL AVIATION - TEXTILES - YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS - INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING - POWER - NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY and CIVIL AVIATION].

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Solar Powered Airports

1381 Sh. Joice George (Adv.) (idukki):

Will the **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recognised Cochin International Airport Ltd. (CIAL) in Kerala as the world's first fully solar energy-powered airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of solar power generation and utility pattern at the airport;

(d) whether the Government is planning to promote more solar energy powered airports across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Super Critical Thermal Power Project in Maharashtra

1382 Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse (Raver):

Will the **POWER** be pleased to state that:-

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

(a) whether the Government through BHEL proposed a super critical thermal power project to be established in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the location identified for the purpose; and

(c) whether the Government has chalked out the schedule for the establishment of this thermal power project and if so, the details thereof?

Distribution of Solar Pumps on Cheaper Rates

1383 Sh. Bharta Singh (ballia):

Will the **NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to distribute solar pumps at cheaper rates to the farmers of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated for the sale of electricity generated by the pumps distributed to the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which objectives of the said scheme are likely to be achieved?

Households Lacking Toilet Facility

1384 Sh. Doddaalahalli Kempegowda Suresh(Bangalore Rural) :

Sh. B.N. Chandrappa(Chitradurga) :

Sh. Nalin Kumar Kateel(Dakshina Kannada) :

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey to find out the number of rural households lacking toilet facility till date and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken various steps to construct toilets in all the rural households in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set any target to achieve the said goal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to achieve its target to construct toilet in all rural households in the country; and

(e) the details of the funds earmarked and spent for the said purpose till date?

Funds for Water Resources Management

1385 Sh. Kunwar Pushendra Singh Chandel (Hamirpur):

Will the **WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION** be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita allocation of funds for management and development of water

resources especially in drought prone areas of the country during each of the last three years, State-wise including Bundelkhand; and

(b) the amount sought by State Governments and sanctioned by the Union Government for the purpose during the said period?

TRP of Doordarshan Channels

1386 Sh. Harish Chandra Meena (Dausa):

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding popularity of all channels of Doordarshan (TRP) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the programmes of Doordarshan are less popular as compared to the programmes of private channels;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the programmes of Doordarshan popular and improve the TRP of each of its channel?

Capacity Building in Textile Sector

1387 Dr. Ponnusamy Venugopal (Tiruvallur):

Will the **TEXTILES** be pleased to state that:-

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

(a) whether the Government has approved Rs. 1,300 crore outlay for skilling and upskilling an estimated 10 lakh people in the entire value chain of the textile sector including spinning and weaving and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the scheme for capacity building in textile sector will provide demand driven, placement oriented skilling programme to incentivize the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these training courses are likely to be in compliance with national skill qualification framework; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Sports in Rural Areas

1388 Sh. Kaushalendra Kumar (Nalanda):

Will the **YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate any special fund for the promotion of

sports in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any demands for funds from various States have been received by the Union

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken thereon by the Union Government; and

(e) the details of funds allocated to various States in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year?Government;

Operation Schedule of Polavaram Project

1389 Sh. Rabindra Kumar Jena (Balasore):

Will the **WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservoir operation schedule of Polavaram project prescribed in Godavari Water Dispute Tribunal award has been changed by the Central Water Commission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these details have been communicated and discussed with Odisha and Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh has proposed construction of embankment to prevent submergence of Odisha territory;

(d) if so, whether any feasibility proposals have been studied and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any forest land in Odisha will be affected due to construction of proactive embankment of Polavaram project and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether forestry clearance has been given to the project and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Increase in Time Slots of News Bulletins

1390 Sh. Satish Chandra Dubey (valmiki Nagar):

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the time slot allotted for the telecast/broadcast of news bulletins in regional languages at national level through Doordarshan and Akashvani and also to improve the quality of such bulletins;

(b) whether the Government is planning to promote telecast/broadcast of such bulletins

with a view to accord more importance to various regional languages in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of More Funds to States

1391 Sh. Sunil Kumar Mondal (Bardhaman Purba):

Will the **YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Health Services on NHs

1392 Sh. Anoop Mishra (morena):

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of central guidelines for minimum mandate of health services on National Highways;

(b) the details of central guidelines mandating presence of police security on National Highways; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to monitor the implementation of above guidelines and/or revise them?

Funds under SBM,

1393 Prof. Richard Hay(Nominated Anglo-Indian) :

Sh. George Baker (Nominated Anglo-Indian) :

Sh. Prabhubhai Nagarbhay Vasava(Bardoli) :

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this Mission across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise including Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(c) the details and number of the States and districts covered under this Mission so far and their sanitation status;

(d) the details of the targets set and achievements made under this mission so far;

(e) the details of the number of Individual Household Latrines approved and constructed so far, State/UT-wise including Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(f) whether the result of construction of toilets in rural areas is much better urban areas; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Solar based Light on NHs

1394 Sh. Suresh Kodikunnil (Mavelikkara):

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce solar based lights on those stretches of NHs passing through important towns/cities including the Kollam-Thirumangalam (744), KollamTheni (183) and Bharanikavu - Vandiperiyar (183-A) National Highways; and

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

ODF Villages

1395 Sh. K. C. Venugopal (Alappuzha):

Will the **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) in different States as per the latest survey

(b) the names of the States which have maximum toilet coverage as per the survey;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned to various States including Kerala under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps under SBM to eradicate manual scavenging existing in different parts of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Access to Electricity,

1396 Sh. Anandrao Adsul(Amravati) :

Dr. Pritam Gopinath Munde(Beed) :
Sh. Vinayak Bhaurao Raut(Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg) :
Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde(Kalyan) :
Sh. Kunwar Pushendra Singh Chandel(Hamirpur) :

Will the **POWER** be pleased to state that:-

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

(a) whether energy is the engine of growth and no country can ever develop with millions of its citizens living without electricity and access to energy is a prerequisite for a poverty free India;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has prepared a scheme in consultation with the State Governments to provide electricity connection to every poor household in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DISCOMs are axis of power sector and these are running in heavy losses and if so, the steps taken or suggested to plug DISCOM los

(d) whether there is a need to route subsidies in power sector through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and if so, the steps taken to stream line the subsidies in the power sector; and

(e) whether a mechanism is needed to be put in place so that power from most efficient plants is utilized first to bring down electricity prices and if so, the guidelines issued in this regard?ses;

Status of Atal Jyoti Yojana

1397 Sh. Abhishek Singh (Rajnandgaon):

Will the **NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** be pleased to state that:-

Will the Minister of **NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) in Chhattisgarh till date;

(b) the details of the locations/areas in the State where work is being carried out under AJAY;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any kind of complaint regarding the installation of solar lights under AJAY and if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(d) whether any officer or Committee has been appointed or is proposed to be appointed for monitoring AJAY and if so, the details thereof along with the level at which monitoring is being carried out and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fund NHs under HAM

1398 Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde(Kalyan) :
Dr. Pritam Gopinath Munde(Beed) :

Sh. Anandrao Adsul(Amravati) :
Sh. Shivaji Adhalrao Patil(Shirur) :
Sh. Shrirang Appa Barne(Maval) :

Will the **ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS** be pleased to state that:-
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector banks, reeling under massive NPAs, are hesitant to finance more works and some private banks have shown interest to fund national highways projects under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM);

(b) if so, whether the Government takes the maximum risk and financiers are largely insulated under HAM model

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government is working on options including reaching out to foreign pension funds to buy long term NHAI bond and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the State Bank of India has shown interest to finance more highway projects on its own rather than by forming any consortium; and

(f) if so, the response of the Ministry of Road

Election Campaign on FM Radio

1399 Sh. Prahlad Singh Patel(Damoh) :
Sh. Kotha Prabhakar Reddy(Medak) :

Will the **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state that:-
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Government statistical data on the average construction length of National Highways (NHs) per day in the country; and

(b) the details of sanctioned NHs and funds allocated to the Telangana State from the past four years, year-wise?

NEW DELHI.
Dated: July 20, 2018.

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,
Secretary General.