

LOK SABHA

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

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

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Underground Power Cable Project

3681. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to convert overhead electricity distribution lines into underground cables in Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur Coastal area which was severely affected by Cyclone Gaja, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any specific conditions to implement the underground power cable project; and

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

Manufacturing of Domestic Solar Equipment

3682. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is severe threat to domestic solar equipment manufacturing industry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government is also aware that import of solar power equipment from countries like China is causing serious injury to the domestic industry, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to counter the threats to domestic solar equipment manufacturing industries; and

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

Works Taken up under MGNREGS

3683. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works taken up in Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned and utilised during the said period along with the criteria adopted to take up works, year-wise; and

(c) the details of workforce engaged under MGNREGS along with the wages paid to them during the said period, gender-wise?

Setting up of Night Shelters in Panchayats

†3684. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up night shelters in the Panchayats across the country as being done in cities in view of their necessity during winter for the poor and needy people including old-age people living in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Details Regarding ATUFS

3685. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to simplify the Amended Technology Funds Scheme (ATUFS) for players in textile and intermediaries across the value chain;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for making such simplifications;

(d) the State-wise list of number of beneficiaries (through the Ministry of Textiles) of the scheme till today, since its inception;

(e) State-wise number of applications made to avail the benefits of the scheme till today since its inception; and

(f) the detail of amount of funds allocated and funds disbursed towards the scheme since its inception?

Sale of Air India

3686. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalized to sell a part of Air India to cut heavy losses being incurred by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated revenue from the said sale;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be sold;

(d) whether the major loss-making operations are not being sold so as to benefit high ups and the staff of Air India;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed to cut perks and others benefits like free and discounted air tickets being offered to its working and retired employees?

Solar Project

3687. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has financially committed to United Nations (UN) Headquarters' Solar Project, under which solar panels will be installed on roof of world body's headquarters at New York, US;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is expecting that the contribution will help reduce carbon footprint and promote sustainable energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sports Stadiums under SAI

†3688. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sports stadiums operated and managed by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the fee to use any of the sports facility of SAI has been increased more than 100 percent and if so, the sports-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the schemes implemented by SAI;

(d) the amount allocated, sanctioned and utilised under these schemes including that for the maintenance of stadiums during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the contribution of these schemes in promoting and developing the sports talent of youth in the country?

Status of IPDS

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

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of National Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) along with the aims and objectives;

Water Supply in Rural Households

3691. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of households in rural areas of the country do not have access to adequate supply of drinking water;

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

(c) whether the Government considers to provide each and every household adequate supply of safe, drinking water in all the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide each and every household of safe drinking water in all the States including Maharashtra?

Measures to Support Aviation Industry

3692. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken some measures to support the aviation industry by lowering the excise duty levied on aviation turbine fuel by 300 basis points to 11 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this measure of the Government will not materially curb the losses; and

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to provide any other concession to private airlines?

(b) whether the IPDS is progressing successfully and the Government has been able to achieve its objective, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme will strengthen the transmission and distribution (T&D) networks, 100 percent metering of urban areas and smarten it with information technology, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some State Governments have not joined the scheme, if so, the name of such States and the steps taken by the Government to make them join the scheme and the quantum of funds released and utilized, State-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to provide quality and reliable power supply in the urban areas?

Power Generated from Waste Garbage

3690. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of power generated from waste garbage/material in the country along with financial assistance given by the Government to various States during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government is considering initiatives like tying with solid waste management companies, municipal corporations and technology institutions to boost the Waste-to-Energy programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Protection of Brahmaputra and Barak Rivers from Soil Erosion

3693. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:
SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any action plan so that the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers could be completely protected from soil erosion;

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

(c) the funds allocated for the said purpose during the last three years for both rivers separately;

(d) the details of the progress made during the said period; and

(e) the details of alternative measures being considered by the Government to protect the said rivers from soil erosion?

Pollution by Power Plants

3694. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal-based power projects running at present near major Metro Cities and in the NCR region, which badly pollute air of these Metro Cities;

(b) the number of coal-based power projects converted from the coal based to Hydro or other pollution free power generating contents so far;

(c) the time by which all coal based power projects will be closed to provide healthy air to citizens of Delhi and other metro cities; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by his Ministry for strict compliance of norms with regard to emission of sulphur dioxide and other gases emitting from coal-based power plants?

India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway

3695. SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway along with the time by which the said highway is likely to be operational;

(b) details of the funds allocated, released and utilised by the Government for the said project;

(c) whether any external non-Governmental agencies have provided funds for the project, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is negotiating over a motor vehicles pact

before the scheduled completion of the project, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering setting domestic ownership caps on transportation firms, if so, the details thereof?

Handloom Clusters

†3696. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up handloom cluster in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the location-wise details of funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Textile Parks

†3697. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any textile parks in Jharkhand especially in the Santhal Pargana division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Errors in SECC

3698. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been large scale errors in the report of the recent Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC), which has excluded numbers of genuine Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in various States including Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the corrective measures taken by the Government; and

(c) the extent to which the BPL families are likely to be benefited therefrom?

Educational Programmes on DD

3699. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan (DD) proposes to start more educational programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these programmes are likely to be started?

Battery Rickshaw

†3700. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:
SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote battery rickshaw in Jharkhand and Punjab and to provide any subsidy package in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken/likely to be taken by the Government regarding pollution free vehicles?

NHs Behind Schedule and HAM

3701. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects of NHAI are running late due to the problem in land acquisition, if so, the UT and State-wise details along with the action taken by the Government;

(b) whether a large number of Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) projects are yet to secure financial closure due to selective sanctioning of loans by the banks;

(c) if so, the list of HAM projects which are yet to secure financial closure, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to shift in awarding of roads projects on pure EPC basis, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons of shift?

Unethical Behaviour of Pilots

3702. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines have been struggling with unethical behaviour of pilots in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has seen 181 incidents of airline pilots failing alcohol tests in the past three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking several challenges that could delay its aviation growth story; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proposal of the Government to address these challenges?

Achievements of Major Ports

3703. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to improve the operational efficiencies of ports through policy and procedural changes and mechanization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has witnessed any major achievements of the major ports in terms of capacity augmentation, improved operational efficiency and higher operating surplus due to pro-active policy initiatives taken by it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Censorship Imposed on Media

3704. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of important instances of censorship imposed by the Union Government on Newspapers, TV channels and Films since independence, State/UT-wise?

Amendment in Electricity Act, 2003

3705. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to amend the present Electricity Act, 2003 with a view to make it more transparent and effective;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken the views of the State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which this new Electricity Bill is likely to come into force?

Demand and Export Details of Textiles

3706. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic demand for textile is likely to remain robust from end user segments, supported by a strong rise in private consumption expenditure during the rest of financial year 2019-20, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the exports are also likely to rise with apparel exporters benefiting from the depreciation of the Indian rupee against the US Dollar, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rating agency has maintained a stable outlook for the cotton and synthetic textiles for the remaining financial year 2019; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Airports under UDAN Scheme

3707. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) how far UDAN Scheme has been successful;

(b) how many airports have been made operational under this scheme;

(c) how many of these are in Odisha; and

(d) when is the airport of Jeypore in Koraput district at Odisha going to be operational?

Textile Imports

3708. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Textiles imports jumped by 16% and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any survey to assess the real reasons for growing textile import and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps that have been taken by the Government to curb the import in the larger interest of domestic textile industry?

National Waterway III

3709. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to widen the waterway stretch from Kollam to Kovalam and Kozhikode to Bakel which is part of National Waterway III and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether IWAI has sanctioned or proposes to sanction any assistance for the said project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to improve the facilities and dredging in National Waterways in Kerala along with the details of dredging works completed so far?

Restructuring of Indian Bureau of Mines

†3710. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of restructuring of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) as per notification dated 15.05.2018;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide direct employment through it and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of measures taken/being taken for expansion of IBM along with the said restructuring; and

(d) the manner in which the Government is likely to check and prevent the illegal mining through the said restructuring of IBM?

Road between Chitradurga and Shimoga (NH-13)

3711. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of road between Chitradurga and Shimoga on NH 13 under EPC scheme;

(b) whether the contractor has executed the work as per the contract agreement;

(c) if not, the action taken by the Government thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the inferior quality of work; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this work will be completed?

Ropeways and Cable-cars in Hilly Areas

†3712. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on probability for use of ropeways and cable-cars in hilly areas and hybrid airboats on rivers;

(b) if so, the number of places identified so far by the Government;

(c) whether the Government is conducting any survey or completed any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to find any other option for smooth traffic in view of difficulties being faced by the people in hilly areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Role of Corporates in Sanitation Drive

3713. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to involve Corporate Sector to create awareness in sanitation drive in the country;

(b) whether the Government plans to encourage corporates to make use of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Road Accidents

†3714. SHRI RAKESH SINGH: SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of road accidents including persons injured/dead in these accidents in the country during last three years till date, State/Year-wise;

(b) the reasons for increasing accidents in the country;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to check the road accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the road accidents and the compensation paid by the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Progress of Rural Electrification

3715. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sought information from State Governments about the progress of the rural electrification in their respective State;

(b) if so, the details of reports submitted by the State Governments in this regard;

(c) the details of funds allocated to each State for rural electrification during the last three years;

(d) whether the State Governments have asked additional help to meet the target of rural electrification; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Arsenic and Fluoride Contamination of Water in Odisha

3716. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the temporary measures to deal available Fluoride in drinking water *i.e.* FRP in Nuapada; and

(b) the reasons behind Government of India debarring Odisha from accessing funds from submission created to tackle Flouride & Arsenic problem in drinking water?

Road Connectivity

†3717. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the condition of road networks connectivity in various States;

(b) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to improve the condition of road connectivity in their States;

(c) whether the Union Government has provided assistance to various State Governments to improve road connectivity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Stalled Road Projects

3718. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects that are currently stalled due to stays imposed by courts;

(b) the average number of years that the stays have been imposed for;

(c) the pecuniary losses caused due to the same; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the disputes and complete the stalled projects?

Solar Energy by AAI

3719. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India (AAI) is willing to use its unused/ barren land pool for any proposal to install Solar energy setup free of cost by some foreign technology giants, if they approaches in near future;

(b) if so, the details of such land pool which could be used thereof, specially in North India;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the nodal officers and timeframe regarding the initiation of such proposal, if any?

Electricity to Households under Saubhagya Scheme

†3720. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND

SARSWATI:

SHRI NARANBHAI

KACHHADIYA:

SHRI CHANDRA

PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed target to provide electricity to 100 percent households under 'Saubhagya' scheme;

(b) if so, the percentage of households provided electricity so far under the said scheme along with the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds to State Governments for the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of the said allocation, State-wise?

Saubhagya

3721. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of urban electrification achieved under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj

Bijali Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) from 2017 to 2018, State-wise;

(b) the details of rural electrification achieved under the said scheme from 2017 to 2018;

(c) the details of urban and rural electrification under Saubhagya in Assam from 2017 to 2018, district-wise; and

(d) the details of funds allocated, funds released and funds utilised under the said scheme in Assam from 2017 to 2018, district-wise?

NOC for Ground Water Extraction

3722. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire process of grant of No Objection Certificate (NOC) is to be done online through a web based system of ACGWA and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rates would be levied depending on the location of the ground water extraction point and the amount of water being extracted and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has a list of ground water blocks and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these are classified as safe, semi critical, critical and overexploited depending on the ground water draft and if so, the details thereof?

Registration of Drones

3723. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

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

(a) the number of registrations issued with unique identification number by the Government pertaining to Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) commonly known as drones, State wise;

(b) the number of Unmanned Aircraft Operator Permits (UAOP) issued to Remotely Piloted Aircraft operators since the inception of drone regulations, State-wise;

(c) the number of Red Zones, Yellow Zones and Green Zones in the city of Mumbai as demarcated by the Government;

(d) whether the Government has constituted a task force to provide draft recommendations for Drone Regulations 2.0; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and issues pertaining to regulations that will be examined by the task force and the time-frame by which the draft recommendations will be submitted?

Kollam-Colombo Ship Service

3724. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING
पोत परिवहन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Kerala to start Kollam-Colombo ship service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Toll Plazas on Delhi-Panipat Highway

†3725. SHRIMATI TABASSUM
BEGUM:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of locations where toll plazas have been set up by private developers on Delhi-Panipat Highway;

(b) the percentage of construction of roads after which National Highway Authority of India allows private developers to set up toll plazas; and

(c) whether the toll plaza near Kundli has been set up as per the said norms?

Performance of Public Sector Ports

3726. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reports about the performance of public sector ports are available with the Government;

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

(c) the turnover along with profit earned or loss incurred by the Public Sector ports during the last three years;

(d) the capacity utilization during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in improving the performance of the said ports?

Release of Funds under PMKSY

3727. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to release funds under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) to Gujarat and Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of funds being released for each project of the said States and the time by which these funds will be released;

(c) the details of the proposals made by each of the said States in this regard and the proposals approved/accepted by the Government; and

(d) the details of objections raised by the Government in this regard, if any, along with the reasons for the same?

New Expressways and Bridges

†3728. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten new expressways and 2500 railway bridges are likely to be constructed in the country;

(b) if so, the number of new roads and foot over bridges proposed to be constructed in Maharashtra and the time by when the construction work of those are likely to be commenced; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

NH Projects in Karnataka

3729. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved four National Highways projects in Karnataka recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NHAI is implementing over 150 works to upgrade 6800 Km. of roads to the standard of National Highways, if so, the details of funds allotted;

(c) the present status of Bharat Mala Pariyojana in Karnataka, project-wise;

(d) the present status of: NH 17- Goa border to Kundapur via Karwar, NH 275 - Bangalore to Mysore and NH 206 - Tumkur to Shimoga; and

(e) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the NHAI to complete the ongoing projects of about 4000 Km. of NHs in Karnataka, if so, the status of each Project as on 30.9.2018 ?

National Clean Energy Fund

3730. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount brake-up-wise provided under National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) by the Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the amount allocated to his Ministry along with the expenditure made out of it during the said period;

(c) whether his Ministry has sought the higher share under NCEF; and

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

Availability of Water for Irrigation

†3731. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

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

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

(a) the quantity of water required for irrigation purpose in Rajasthan at present; and

(b) the quantity of water being made available by the Government for the said purpose in each district of the State?

Draft Guidelines for Ground Water Extraction

3732. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to draft guidelines for ground water extraction with the aim to ensure robust ground water regulatory mechanism for effective water conservation in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to impose charges on the quantum of the ground water extraction towards the adoption measures for the water efficiency usages and save the extraction specially in over-exploited and critical areas facing water shortage; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Loan Agreement with ADB

3733. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has inked loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for multi-tranche financing to provide water and sanitation services in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof with list of selected locations/regions;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether smart water management systems will be introduced to reduce non-revenue water and strengthen operational efficiency; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Performance Review

3734. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted performance review of the private power distribution companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the consumers from harassment by these companies?

Costlier Coal Imports

3735. SHRI A.

ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent rise in energy demand in the country has improved off take from the power generators but has also resulted in higher dependence on costlier coal imports as the supply of the dry fuel from domestic sources was insufficient;

(b) whether the all India electricity growth remained steady at 5.6 per cent during the first five months period of financial year 2018-2019, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the increased demand is being met from higher generation by both thermal and renewable energy plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

3736. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the number of green and brown field projects that have been selected under the scheme, State/UT wise;

(c) the details of the facilities and incentives being offered under the scheme; and

(d) whether the scheme has been successful in encouraging private sector investments in major processing clusters and if yes, the details thereof?

Gender Responsive Governance

3737. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recently sent a delegation to Netherlands for a round table deliberations on Gender Responsive Governance;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the topics discussed and specific training provided during the said deliberations; and

(c) the manner in which the Government has been integrating some of the important policy recommendations of

UN Women on the theme of 'Enhancing Gender Responsive Governance'?

Strengthening of Irrigation System

†3738. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is preparing any action plan to strengthen irrigation system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is formulating any action plan for irrigation system and proper utilization of irrigation in rural and hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revamping of DD and AIR

3739. DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to revamp/improve infrastructures of Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR) to compete better with private television channels and radio stations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the outlay for the above revamping process has been approved by the Finance Ministry and if so, the details

thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked/sanctioned by the Union Government during the current financial year for the said purpose; and

(d) the total number of channels run by the DD and money earned by both Government and Private Companies/Corporate sector through advertisements during the last three years, Channel-wise?

Release of Grants

3740. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants released under various schemes of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj during each of the last four years;

(b) whether the said grants were released on time during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the grants released so far, scheme/year/State-wise; and

(d) the details of utilisation of the said grant/expenditure incurred during the said period, sector-wise?

Integrated Drinking Water Projects

3741. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether clean and hygienic drinking water is available to every single village of the country, if not, the details of the villages and the reasons thereof;

(b) the details of various integrated drinking water projects currently operating in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the quantum of budget to allocated to provide clean drinking water in the last four years, State-wise?

Dependence on Coal

3742. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's power generation over the next few decades will continue to depend heavily on coal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether an advanced ultra super critical technology project has been approved by Government for coal based power plants; and

(c) if so, the objectives and the progress made in implementation of the project?

Promotion of Solar Energy

†3743. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts/steps made by the Government to encourage the States for using solar energy;

(b) whether the electricity is likely to be generated with solar technique in the vast desert areas of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is likely to be transmitted to the rural areas at the lower expenses, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is making any efforts in this direction, if so, the details thereof?

ICRA Analysis

3744. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICRA has analysed the financial performance of distribution utilities for financial year 2017-18 in nine key States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the profitability for a majority of the discoms remained modest owing to a mix of reasons including inability to pass on the variation in power purchase costs in a timely manner, poor operating efficiencies and delays in realising payments, especially from State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Release of Pending Funds under MGNREGS

3745. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought the assistance from the Union Government to release pending funds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details of the funds released so far and the quantum of pending funds to be released; and

(c) the reasons for delay in releasing funds to Andhra Pradesh under MGNREGS?

Inter City Helicopter Service

3746. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

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

(a) whether 'Fly Blade', the largest arranger of helicopter flights for civilian travel in the USA is starting its services in the country through a joint venture in India namely Blade India which shall offer intercity helicopter services, initially available only in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce intercity helicopter services specially for pilgrimage and tourist centres across the country; and

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

Impact of Automation

3747. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the threat to jobs in the textile sector as a result of automation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government towards skill development in the textile sector to keep up with the technological changes?

Water Crisis

3748. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

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

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

(a) whether it is true that India is suffering from the worst water crisis;

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

(c) whether it is true that huge number of people die every year due to inadequate access to safe water;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action being taken by the Government to cope up with the water crisis in the country?

Conservation of Electricity

3749. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the trend of power consumed in the domestic and industrial sector witnessed during the last three years along

with the schemes under implementation for Demand Side Management including saving/conservation of electricity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that a significant amount of electricity is being wasted in the domestic sector on account of faulty appliances, leakages and usage of energy inefficient electric devices, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken thereon;

(c) whether any target was fixed for promoting energy efficient appliances and gadgets, conservation and saving of electricity during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard and the achievements made as a result thereof?

Release of Water from Narmada River Project

†3750. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that surplus water of Narmada river project is not being released to Luni-Sukadi in Gandhav in Rajasthan-Gujarat border and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said water flows in vain in Gulf of Kutch and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Rajasthan has sent a proposal for financial assistance to the Government with the consent of Narmada Canal Authority for proper utilization of the said water and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has accorded approval for the same; and

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

Non-operational Raxaul Airport

3751. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers have to either go to Kathmandu or Patna to catch flight because Raxaul Airport, Bihar has been lying non-operational;

(b) if so, whether in a report prepared by Government, it is suggested to upgrade this airport under PPP model;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to operationalise the Raxaul airport;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there is urgent need to start air taxi service between Patna and Raxaul because Raxaul is the most important place for tourists on their way to Nepal; and

(g) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

3752. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of POWER विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently issued directions to the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) for allowing pass through of changes in domestic duties, levies, cess and taxes in a time bound manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this measure will bring down the cost of power and the loss of power DISCOMS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Standardisation of Handicrafts Industry

3753. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to organise and standardise the Indian Handicrafts industry so as to increase its revenue share at global level and if so, the road map drawn for the purpose;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal for establishing "Digital Marketplace for Rural Handicrafts Products" in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the organizations proposed to be engaged for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the digital marketplace is likely to be established?

Four Laning of NH-75E

†3754. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes/contemplating to convert National Highways (NHs) 75E into four lane;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Growth of Media and Entertainment Industry

3755. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a constant increase in the business of media and entertainment industry in the country during the recent years;

(b) if so, the annual turnover of the industry during the last five years and the current year, Year-wise; and

(c) the role of digitization in increasing the business of the said industries?

Appointment of Chairman

3756. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced number of National Highways (NHs) in the country during last three years;

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

(c) whether the DPR for NHs announced for Himachal Pradesh have been prepared;

(d) the time by which the work will start on all such roads;

(e) whether the work of four laning of Pinjore-Baddi-Nalagarh could not be started; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

LED Bulb

†3757. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to sell LED bulbs and electric fans through post offices under UJALA scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken decision to sell these items through post offices in the State of Gujarat also and if so, the details thereof and the district-wise names of these post offices; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Highways in Himachal Pradesh

3758. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

Progress of Works under SAGY

3759. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of villages adopted under the first phase of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) the status of drinking water, toilets, power, roads, telephone connectivity and construction of immovable assets along with inspection reports thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the progress of works being undertaken in villages under the second phase of the Yojana is satisfactory and likely to be completed by 2019 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the expenditure incurred and assets created under Corporate

Social Responsibility (CSR) during the first and second phase of the Yojana, State-wise and Village-wise?

Inter-State River Water Sharing Agreements

†3760. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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

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

(a) the date on which first inter-State water agreement was reached and the number of States involved in it along with the scheme chalked out by the Government for distribution of water of States;

(b) whether States are getting water as per inter-State water agreements;

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

(d) whether Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana are getting their due share of water as per agreement; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Air Service under UDAN

†3761. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

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

(a) the names of the routes where air services have been introduced so far along with the names of the cities announced to be connected under UDAN Yojana in the country;

(b) the name of the company to which said permission has been granted;

(c) the State-wise and route-wise details thereof including Maharashtra;

(d) whether said service is operational in all the said routes or discontinued in some routes;

(e) if so, the route-wise details thereof;

(f) whether said service is in operation in Jalgaon;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for its discontinuation despite no traffic problem in Jalgaon;

(h) whether Air Deccan is unable to continue its services in all the routes started under said scheme; and

(i) if so, the action being taken against said company?

Power Generation and Consumption

3762. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government in last three years to increase the generation of electricity, the details thereof;

(b) the number of power houses established in last three years, the details of the coal, gas, water and nuclear based power plants; and

(c) the details of the consumption and generation of electricity at present and last three years, if so, the details thereof?

Status of PMGSY in Jharkhand

†3763. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are lying incomplete for years in Jharkhand particularly in Ranchi district;

(b) if so, the details of the incomplete roads in Ranchi along with the reasons therefor, Road-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete these incomplete roads?

SHGs involved in Rural Development Schemes

3764. SHRI K.R.P.

PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current rural development programmes/schemes in which Self Help Groups (SHGs) are involved;

(b) the details of the work assigned to such SHGs;

(c) the total number of women SHGs involved in rural development works, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to further strengthen such groups by providing them financial assistance or loans; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of Ground Water Usage

3765. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to bring in guidelines for regulating usage of ground water and to increase rain water harvesting system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also invited suggestions of the State Governments in this regard; and

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

Mission Bhagiratha

3766. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

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

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

(a) whether Telangana has demanded budgetary allocations for Mission Bhagiratha and Mission Kakatiya;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon by the Government;

(c) whether NITI Aayog has given any recommendations in this regard; and

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

Cleaning of Ganga River under Namami Gange Mission

3767. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

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

(a) the amount spent under Namami Gange Mission to clean the Ganga river from 2014 till date and the extent of success achieved in this regard so far;

(b) whether the Ganga river water has been cleaned in any of the cities situated on its banks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the water of Ganga river is likely to be cleaned?

IPDS Scheme in Assam

3768. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

(a) whether State of Assam has been covered under IPDS scheme, if so, the details thereof, District-wise along with the commencement of the scheme in Assam;

(b) the details of completion of work in Assam, State-wise along with the percentage of work completion in different towns;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity of amount earmarked under IPDS and allocated in which scheme or plan; and

(d) the details of amount released already under this scheme?

Revival of Closed Mines in Rajasthan

†3769. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some mines are lying closed in Rajasthan;

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

(c) the details of the measures taken/being taken by the Government to revive these mines?

Cancellation of Flights

3770. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometimes there have been cancellation of flights for days from different airports of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the past three years and during the current year;

(c) the impact on seat availability and fares thereof;

(d) whether the Government has asked for compensation to passengers therein;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the proposal of the Government to run flights on time during the winter and the action taken/proposed to be taken against the air companies for cancellation of trips therefor?

Ken-Betwa River Link Project

3771. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is all set to sign a MoU for Ken-Betwa river link project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the signing of MoU of Ken-Betwa will pave the way for inter-linking of many such rivers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Depletion in Ground Water Resources

3772. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

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

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

(a) the average rate of depletion of ground water resources;

(b) the data on annual ground water exploitation for the past five years, State-wise;

(c) the number of districts facing over exploitation of ground water, State-wise;

(d) the reasons for the poor water management in the country; and

(e) the steps the Government is taking to reduce exploitation of water in the country?

Sanitation Survey

3773. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2017-18, over 93% households in villages who have access to toilets are using them and about 77% homes in rural areas have got toilets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it also covered schools, anganwadis and public/community toilets in these villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the list of key findings of the survey?

Geotagging of Rural Assets

3774. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has begun gathering mandatory geotagged images for about 20 lakh rural assets created by rural local bodies from their share of the 14th Finance Commission fund during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has now gathered public images of over one lakh assets with everything from sewage drainage pipes and borewells to water tanks and street lights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural Waste

†3775. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been chalked out for use of agricultural waste in the power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government to NTPC for use of agricultural products and wastes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the plants have derived any financial benefits through the use of these products and if so, the details thereof?

Dumping of Solid Wastes into Ganga River

3776. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH
DEO:

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

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

(a) the details of dams and barrages built over various stretches of Ganga river;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the flow of Ganga river and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of municipal and solid wastes being dumped into river Ganga, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to curb dumping of solid and municipal wastes into the Ganga river; and

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

Road Safety

3777. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Sukhad Yatra mobile application and 1033 Toll-free Emergency number for highway users;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether scheme for District Driving Training Centres will provide grant of financial assistance for Road Safety Advocacy and awards for outstanding works;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is supporting financially for establishing District Driving Training Centres in all districts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Women Rural Coordinators

3778. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to appoint women rural coordinators to ensure socio-economic development of women in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the said action plan is likely to benefit women;

(d) whether such projects are likely to be launched from tribal areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Power Generation by NTPC

3779. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding installed capacity and power production by NTPC in their different plants at present and during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of power produced and revenues realized by NTPC during each of the last three years;

(c) the financial performance of NTPC during the last three years and its present financial status including new investments/power projects as on date; and

(d) the brief status of fuel supply against requirement for its thermal power projects?

Linking of Kotdwara-Dugadda of NH-119

3780. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to heavy rainfall and consequent road blocks, the Kotdwara-Dugadda Section of NH-119 remains badly damaged every year and is repaired at huge cost;

(b) whether a tunnel can be constructed in the affected section for movement of vehicular traffic throughout the year on the pattern of Chenani-Nashri Tunnel in J&K;

(c) whether the Government is considering any such proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Privatization of Airports

3781. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for complete privatization of airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of airports which are targeted for complete privatization; and

(c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be taken up and the expected time of completion thereof?

Inquiry by CBI

3782. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have sought information from Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) regarding availing of buyer's credit and passing on difference amount between interest earned on fixed deposits and interest charged by foreign banks for providing buyer's credit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with the names of bullion parties/entrepreneurs against whom such information has been sought by the CBI?

Liberalization of Air Service

3783. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for the liberalization of air services with intent to provide an enabling and conducive environment for enhanced connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of these steps are likely to have on trade, investment and cultural exchange?

Employment Provided under MGNREGS

†3784. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers being given employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in Bihar during the last three years, year and district-wise; and

(b) the quantum of funds allocated to Bihar by the Union Government during the said period?

Facilities to People living BPL

†3785. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of poverty line;

(b) the total population of Below Poverty Line (BPL) in 2001 and at present, State-wise;

(c) the facilities given to those living BPL by the Union and the State Governments; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to improve the situation of the said people?

Bridges on Yamuna River

3786. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given permission to NHAI, which is planning to construct two pseudo-bridges on the Yamuna—one each on either side of the existing Nizamuddin bridge as part of the

Delhi-Meerut Express, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether the environmentalists have raised objections in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the pseudo-bridges severely impact a river's ecology, including its ability to freely convey flood water downstream, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this severely restricts a river's ability to meander and increases the ferocity of floods, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether this plan could further create traffic congestion on NH-24, if so, the details thereof?

Pollution in Yamuna River

†3787. SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

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

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

(a) whether Pollution Central Research Institute has conducted or proposes to conduct any study about increasing pollution in Yamuna river;

(b) if so, the details and the findings thereof along with recommendations made therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the effective measures being taken by the Government to check the increasing pollution in the Yamuna river?

Construction of Shahpur Kandi Dam

†3788. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has taken a final decision to construct Shahpur Kandi dam on the river Ravi in Punjab recently and if so, the details and the facts in this regard;

(b) whether the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred thereon has been estimated and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the details of the sources from which this amount is proposed to be received; and

(d) the time by which the construction work of the said dam is targeted to be completed?

Coal Price

†3789. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL: SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of POWER विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal based power plants are facing the heat of increased prices of thermal grade coal and cost of railway freight;

(b) if so, whether the Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India has done any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the percentage of price of thermal grade coal and the percentage of cost of freight has increased recently;

(e) if so, the impact of the cost of the said thermal power plants on the increase in production;

(f) whether the thermal power plants were operating with low production due to rising demand of non-renewable energy; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Skill Upgradation and Wellbeing of Handloom Weavers

3790. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure high value quality that are defect-free and market-oriented that would ensure increase in the earning of the handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the extent to which the Ministry has succeeded in promoting the Geographical indicator facility for Indian handloom which would safeguard sustainable development of Indian Handloom; and

(c) if not, the new strategies that have been envisaged to revive the fledgling sector and save it from further deprivation?

Mega Irrigation Projects

†3791. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:

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

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

(a) the details and the present status of two mega irrigation projects namely upper Narmada and Halon irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the time by which both the projects are likely to be completed;

(c) whether some more projects are also proposed on Narmada river; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Award of Tender to Travel Port

3792. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:
SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:
SHRI NINONG ERING:
DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the notification of the tender as well as the closing date of the tender which has been awarded to Travel Port;

(b) the details of the pre-requisites and evaluation criteria for selection of bidder to award the tender;

(c) the list of all bidders who had bid in the said tender which has been awarded to Travel Port;

(d) whether a sole and exclusive criteria exists for awarding such a tender; and

(e) the details of communication informing bidders on whether they are successful or not?

Flight from Punjab to Delhi

3793. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering increasing the number of direct flights between Adampur (Punjab) and Delhi under UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme;

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

(c) whether the Government is going to launch special flights between Adampur (Punjab) and Delhi on the occasion of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji; and

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

Defaulter Airlines

3794. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that few airlines have defaulted the assignment taken by them for different airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action the Government have taken against them?

Compensation Paid by NTPC

3795. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

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

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of compensation paid to the displaced/affected persons due to a power project by PSU like NTPC, PGCIL during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has framed any policy in regard to pay compensation to displaced/affected persons, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the present amount of compensation paid to affected persons is very less, if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether many cases of compensation to displaced/affected persons are pending, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to resolve the problem?

Cargo Hubs

†3796. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken to aid the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 targets of achieving cargo movement of 10 MT by 2020 and make India more competitive in global cargo space, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the growth of air cargo in India in 2017-18;

(c) whether the Government has identified the cities to setup more cargo hubs in various States of the country including North Eastern Region;

(d) if so, whether any assessment has been made regarding the cost of setting up of each cargo hub;

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

(f) the number of cargo hubs which are functional at present; and

(g) whether the Government is procuring new cargo aircrafts and if so, the details thereof?

Full Reservoir Level of Dams

†3797. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

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

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

(a) whether the Bhakra and Pong dams are not filled upto Full Reservoir Level (FRL) by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the dams can be filled upto FRL using latest technology, proper

planning and weather forecasting and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give directions to BBMB for conducting a study to fix the maximum level of water to be filled in Bhakra and Pong dams; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Additional Grants under MGNREGS

3798. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds sanctioned and allocated under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the financial year 2018-19, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds disbursed till date under MGNREGS during the said year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry will seek additional grants to provide for the remaining months and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether despite funds disbursement payment of wages under MGNREGS have been delayed in several States during the current year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether compensation have been provided in each case of delay for which worker is not responsible and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Targets under PMAY-G

†3799. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds provided to the State of Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the number of houses constructed in the State of Jharkhand during the said period, District-wise; and

(c) the number of applicants targeted for providing houses in the State of Jharkhand under the said Yojana?

Promotion of Sports in U.P.

†3800. SHRI HARINARAYAN
RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects implemented to strengthen sports facilities and infrastructure for exploiting the sports and athletics potential of the youth in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of facilities made available by Sports Authority of India (SAI) for sportspersons of hockey, football, athletics and archery particularly providing coaching facility at international level, nutritional supplement and

employment to poor boys/girls during the last five years;

(c) the details of funds allocated by the Government for activities of SAI in Uttar Pradesh during the said period, year-wise; and

(d) whether any assessment/audit of the said allocation/expenditure has been conducted and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Assessment of Fluoride Contamination of Water

3801. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding quantity and severity of fluoride in drinking water in various parts of the country, especially in the rural parts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, especially in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to check the excess of fluoride in drinking water?

Green Highways

3802. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government includes the locally available varieties of plants in the development of green highways under the Green Highways Policy-2015, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the total length of green highways constructed after the adoption of the policy *vis-à-vis* total length of highways developed in the last 3 years, State-wise;

(c) the outlay envisaged by it for this project and how it would meet the financial outlay for this project;

(d) whether the Government would require the concessionaires collecting tolls on the National Highways to contribute to this project;

(e) whether the Government would extend the Green Highway Scheme to the newly laid National Highways by the NHAI; and

(f) whether the Government has launched this scheme in any of the many National Highways in Tamil Nadu maintained by the NHAI?

Construction of Roads

†3803. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of the construction of the roads in kilometers in the country for the last four years, year-wise and State-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set any target for construction of roads in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said target is achieved by the Union Government in completing the construction of roads and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds allocated for the construction of the road projects, year-wise and project-wise;

(e) whether some State Governments have delayed the land acquisition process, if so, the details thereof including the details of the protests/objections thereto;

(f) whether there are possibilities of cost overrun in projects those are running late; and

(g) whether the trees surrounding the highways are taken care of during construction?

Web Check-in Fee

†3804. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken the cognizance that certain aviation companies charging additional tariff from the passengers getting web check-in facility for any and all the seats on the flights, if so, the details thereof;

the grievances related to flight, baggage and customer services?

Production of Wind Power

3806. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to scale up the production of wind power considering the potential of development in India to achieve the ambitious target of installing of 175 gigawatts (GW) of renewable power capacity by 2022; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for development of wind energy in the State of Andhra Pradesh including East Godavari district, which has the highest potential for development of wind power?

Criteria adopted by DAVP

3807. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM

GAIKWAD:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

PROF. PREM SINGH

CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major details of policy/criteria being adopted by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) regarding Government advertisements, publications and other publicity material during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has directed these airline companies to drop web check-in fee, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the maximum number of seats on a flight that the airline company can charge web check-in fees for;

(d) whether this restricts or hampers the right of the airline companies to unbundle services and reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has reviewed or proposed to review the above decision of the aviation companies; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to ensure the compliance of the pricing framework meant for the aviation companies?

Incidents of Thefts in Airport

†3805. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether information and complaints have been received regarding increasing incidents of theft of valuable articles from bags and luggage of air passengers on various airports of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the number of cases registered and FIR lodged in this regard during the last five years and current year, year-wise and airport-wise;

(c) the number of officers and employees found guilty in this regard and the action taken and steps taken/being taken against them in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue any guidelines to redress

(b) the expenditure incurred by DAVP during the said period on advertisements in newspapers, magazines and electronic media;

(c) whether the certain percentage of funds allocated for dailies, weeklies, fortnightlies, monthlies and other newspapers/magazines covered under small and medium category in the policy framed by the Government has been fixed to any extent and if so, the details of the percentage fixed in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide all advertisements of DAVP and Ministries to small and medium scale newspapers and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether DAVP has reviewed or proposes to review the media/publicity strategy of the Government and its Departments particularly in the light of the technological advancements and the latest trends in the media and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to rationalise expenditure on account of advertisements by the DAVP and if so, the measures taken and the success achieved so far in this regard?

Hockey World Cup 2018

3808. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had allocated and released funds to the State of Odisha for hosting the Hockey World Cup, 2018; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Quality Drinking Water and Related Schemes

†3809. SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fully-covered and partially covered areas under drinking water scheme areas in which quality of drinking water is affected in the country including the State of Maharashtra and Jharkhand, State-wise;

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

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of drinking water schemes;

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

(e) whether the Government has fixed any time frame for providing safe drinking water to all the households in the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government proposes to involve Non-Government Organisations in expediting the supply of safe drinking water in the rural and remote areas of the country; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Popularity of Print Media

†3810. SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extension and popularity of Print-Media have increased in the country in comparison to other broadcasting media such as television and radio and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of the print media during the last five years; and

(c) the reasons for comparative increase in extension and popularity of print media?

Ground Water Management

3811. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government assesses the ground water resources regularly and has made any assessment of the same in the country recently and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has circulated a Model Bill to all the States/UTs to enable them to enact suitable ground water legislation for its regulation and development and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government has started any ground water management projects with private/foreign collaboration and if so, the details and current status thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has a review mechanism for these projects and if so, the details thereof?

Depleting Ground Water

3812. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 21 cities in India are expected to have zero ground water by year 2020;

(b) the reasons for the rapid depletion of groundwater in the country;

(c) the steps that have been taken/are being taken by the Government to protect groundwater in the country; and

(d) the extent to which these steps have been successful, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Sports

†3813. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme/programme to promote sports among rural youths in the country and if so, the details along with the achievements thereof;

(b) if not, whether the Government proposes to introduce any such program/

scheme to encourage participation of rural youth in sports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any scheme/plan to encourage and promote rural sports in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has increased budgetary allocation for such activities and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly hilly areas; and

(e) whether the Government gives preference in providing government jobs to the medal winners and if so, the details thereof including the number of players given the jobs since 2014?

Flexible Electricity Grid

3814. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement a flexible electricity grid, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government intend to incentivize high consumption of electricity during lean consumption hours, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken thereon;

(c) the details of indigenous manufacturing base for the floatation devices used in floating solar plants, State-wise and the steps taken to promote manufacturing in this particular field;

(d) the number of thermal power projects faced with stressed assets and the intention of the Government to help stressed thermal projects and the steps

taken by the Government for ensuring fuel supply to these stressed thermal projects;

(e) the effect of 25 percent safeguard duty on solar cells and modules imported from China and Malaysia on meeting energy requirements and the plan of installing 175 gigawatts of renewable capacity by 2022; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the fallback?

Issues Related with Toilets

3815. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the toilets constructed in several villages which were declared as open defecation free in many parts of Odisha and other States are merely brick enclosures with no seats and water facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to seek an explanation from the competent/implementing agencies about the matter including sanctioning of funds and provisioning of completion certificate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

DDU-GKY

3816. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) is a youth employment yojana being implemented by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of centres operating under the said yojana in Assam, district-wise;

(d) the details of institutions/organizations which are running these centres; and

(e) the quantum of funds allocated to them?

Projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana

3817. SHRI MOHD. SALIM: SHRI MD.

BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharatmala Pariyojana is hit by delays, shortage of funds and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Bharatmala Pariyojana being taken up by the Government in the country;

(c) the details of the total allocation/estimate and year-wise allocation for the same;

(d) the details of road links sanctioned under the Pariyojana in West Bengal; and

(e) the details of funds provided for the implementation and the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

Upgradation of Airports in Bihar

‡3818. SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the airports in Bihar where the upgradation work is being done along with the target fixed to complete the said work;

(b) the total amount to be spent by the Government on the above all airports and the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) whether it is not fact that the projects in Bihar are being delayed unnecessarily resulting in resentment among common people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities at Airport in Tamil Nadu

3819. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.: SHRIMATI V. SATHYA

BAMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken effective steps to facilitate the airports in Tamil Nadu to meet its increasing domestic and international passenger air travel requirements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has empowered the AAI to provide state-of-the-art technology equipments at the airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

People Living below Poverty Line

3820. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) at present in the country including backward rural regions, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has fixed or proposes to fix any target for the upliftment of all the poor people who are living BPL;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the target fixed, if any, during the last three years and the current year and the present position with regard to upliftment of these people above poverty line;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has chalked out any programme to reduce the number of such families and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Gymnasium at Panchayats

3821. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up gym centres/gymnasium at the

Panchayat level in rural areas in the country to increase the health status of the youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to install modern equipments/machines in these gymnasiums; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose?

Functional Toilets in Schools

3822. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether each Government school in the country has functional toilets;

(b) the details of total number of Government schools that do not have separate functional toilets for boys and girls; and

(c) the details of the number of post-primary (after 5th class) Government schools that do not have separate functional toilets for boys and girls as non-availability of separate toilets is often a cause of dropping out from the education system for girls after the onset of puberty?

Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid

3823. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a broader policy in place for the development

and augmentation of inland waterways for commercial purposes and to achieve cost effective logistics requirements and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has given in-principle approval for an Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with such projects which have been earmarked for waterways in West Bengal?

Logistics Parks

3824. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many of the projects which have been sanctioned by the Road Transport Ministry, are currently facing land acquisition problems and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether to achieve reduced cost, the Government is going to transform India's logistics from a point-to-point model to a new hub-and-spoke model, which will be centered around a logistics park and if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof;

(c) the extent to which logistics parks will help to reduce the transportation cost, pollution, congestion and warehousing costs;

(d) whether the Ministry has written to all State Governments asking them to provide land for developing multi-modal logistics parks and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the plan will serve to make the economy competitive by reducing logistics costs, bring down pollution levels by reducing congestion on roads, give a boost to industry and create employment?

De-allocation of Power

3825. SHRI NAGENDRA
KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Funds for NRDWP

3826. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether central allocation and release of funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Supply Programme

(NRDWP) has been reduced drastically for many States including Odisha and especially for the Jagatsingpur district in the last three financial years, if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise since 2014-15;

(b) if so, the details of impact of this reduction of outlay on the physical and financial performance of NRDWP thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to significantly increase the release of the central assistance under NRDWP especially to Odisha; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to significantly increase the absorption capacity of Odisha under NRDWP since 2014-15?

Monitoring of TV News Channels

3827. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a team for monitoring the TV news channels across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the functions and role of such team; and

(c) the fee paid to the team for the said purpose?

Status of Textile and Clothing Sector

3828. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile and clothing sector is passing through difficult phase and has been badly affected;

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

(c) the details of segments that have performed well in Textile and Clothing sectors during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and segment-wise;

(d) whether the export of clothing and textile has been badly affected due to global gloom, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the situation and boost the exports from the country; and

(e) whether the export of handicraft including handmade carpets have shown negative growth compared to last two to three years, if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken by the Government to push the exports of the said items?

Drought Prone Areas Programme

†3829. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts of Maharashtra where Drought Prone Areas Programme (DRAP) is being implemented;

(b) the time by which the said programme is likely to be implemented in remaining districts of the State;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from Maharashtra Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

24x7 Operation

3830. SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the airports in the country have 24x7 operations with night flights of domestic services;

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

(c) whether the Government plans to provide 24x7 operations in the airport of all the major towns including Madurai Airport in Tamil Nadu; and

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

Fraud of Luggage in Flights in Air India

†3831. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been disclosure of a fraud of luggage in flights of Air India on Jammu-Kashmir route from IGI Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has ordered for any action against the culprits; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check such happenings in future?

Air Pollution in Bengaluru due to Vehicles

3832. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

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 fact that there are more than 16 lakh vehicles plying on road in Bengaluru which are more than 15 years old;

(b) whether the State Government has submitted a plan to tackle air pollution in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the State on measures to tackle air pollution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Burning of Farm Stubble

3833. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of POWER

बिद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of farmers particularly from Punjab and Haryana are burning the farm stubble/straw in the absence of viable alternatives, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has implemented plan for mixing of farm stubble pellets up to 10% of the total fuel in a power plant, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State-run NTPC would float a tender to buy farm stubble at Rs. 5,500 per tonne for power plants to restrict farmers from burning, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether mixing of farm stubble pellets will affect the efficiency in terms of gross calorific value, if so, the extent to which it will affect the efficiency;

(e) whether the NTPC has completed test runs, if so, the details and present status thereof;

(f) whether the NTPC has planned to expand scheme of mixing of farm stubble pellets gradually in its all plants, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the use of farm stubble in power plants will increase the power generation cost and if so, the details thereof?

Apparel Manufacturing and Textile Colleges

†3834. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) name of the places where manufacturing of apparels takes place along with the locations where textile colleges have been set up;

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

(c) the number of textile colleges in Uttar Pradesh and whether the number of textile colleges are sufficient in proportion to population;

(d) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Uttar Pradesh Government to establish textile colleges during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the number of sanctioned and pending proposals?

Measures to Tackle Road Accidents

3835. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether succumbing to injuries figure from road accidents is more than four times the annual death toll from terrorism;

(b) whether in view of the growing number of road accidents in the country, the Government had considered the need for speed governors in transport vehicles and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the speed governors in commercial vehicles as mandated by Supreme Court and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways shall be installed in commercial vehicles under the "strict surveillance" of the State transport departments;

(d) whether the Union Government is aware that despite issuing notification and making it compulsory to fit speed governors in transport vehicles, it has not been implemented fully;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government to launch a nation-wide awareness campaign on road safety and to implement the direction for fitting of speed governors for transport vehicles in the country to minimise the road accidents?

Assets Generated through MGNREGS

3836. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government sought and received any Action Taken Report(s) from the State Governments on various advisories issued by it regarding the assets generated through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the updated status thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to make it mandatory to submit time-bound reports by State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has observed any progress/improvement in the quality of assets generated through MGNREGS during the last one year and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fluoride Contamination of Drinking Water

3837. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding quantity of fluoride available in drinking water in various parts of the country, especially in the rural parts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, especially Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to check the excess of fluoride in drinking water?

Accidents/Incidents due to Under-construction Over Bridges

†3838. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken notice of accidents taking place due to under construction new over bridges and old over bridges at various places in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the remedial steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether any monitoring mechanism has been set up for inspecting of the new over bridges that are under construction and old over bridges and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken stringent steps against the culprits taking cognizance of accidents occurred due to poor quality of construction and negligence and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has paid compensation to the dependents of the deceased due to these accidents and if so, the details thereof?

Powers of Central Board of Film Certification

3839. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has accepted the recommendations of the Committee of Experts chaired by Shri Shyam Benegal, which submitted its report on 26th April, 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the specific steps taken by the Government to implement the same;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce legislation to remove the powers of pre-censorship of the Central Board of Film Certification and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which such legislation is likely to be introduced; and

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

Parking and Traffic in NCT

3840. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that unauthorized parking and unauthorized parking on roads are the main cause of congestion and slow pace of traffic on roads in the country including National Capital Territory;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any cognizance on the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government have issued directions to the Delhi Police to remove the unauthorized parking in the National Capital Territory and take steps to tackle unauthorized parking on running roads and for improving the traffic movement on the roads for benefits of the general people;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response received from Delhi Police; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Progress of NRDWP

3841. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government can provide data/information regarding the progress of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to address the audit report of the CAG of poor execution of works and weak contract management; and

(c) whether any measures have been taken to address reports of contamination of drinking water as under the programme?

Open Defecation Problem faced by Teen Age Girls

3842. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some media reports have come to the notice of the Ministry quoting a survey report titled TAG (Teen Age Girls) Report 2018 claiming that around 40 per cent of teenage girls in the country still going for open defecation;

(b) whether the survey also found that 46 per cent of teenage girls use unhygienic

materials during mensuration and that one out of every second girl was anaemic; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government therein?

Job Card Holders under MGNREGS

3843. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the job card is provided to each person seeking employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof along with the number of job card holders, State-wise;

(b) whether the social audit has been conducted thereto and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana—National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) is being implemented in Perambalur district of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of works scrutinized and sanctioned by National Rural Road Development Agency (NRRDA) during the last two years and the current year?

Increase in Power Tarrif

†3844. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumer tariff of power generated by projects fuelled by imported coal have been increased in certain States of the country;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the place-wise names of these projects; and

(c) the project-wise increased consumer tariff fixed?

Poorvanchal Expressway

3845. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has engaged some private players for the completion of Poorvanchal Expressway project;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with their names and amount of work being allotted;

(c) the details about the status of the work so far along with the complaints, if any; and

(d) the details about the nodal agency and officers of the Government responsible for the project and in case of any irregularities the regulatory authority to deal with it?

Studies on Inter-linking of Rivers

3846. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted or plans to conduct any social and environmental impact assessment studies to investigate the cost benefit of inter-linking of river projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to introduce region-specific irrigation projects across the country especially in drought prone and arid areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy on Equipments

†3847. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the subsidy on equipment used in renewable energy projects including solar energy projects and wind energy projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount of subsidy being permitted on such equipments currently?

Flight for Tourists in Kanha and Pench National Parks

†3848. SHRI BODHSINGH
BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any action plan for starting domestic flights from Gondia Birsi National Flying Training Institute Airport for the tourists of Kanha and Pench National Parks; and

(b) if so, the time by which the domestic flights are likely to be started and if not, the reasons therefor?

Criteria for Arjun Awards

3849. DR. MAMTAZ
SANGHAMITA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by the Government for selection of sportspersons for Arjun Awards and other sports awards;

(b) whether para-athletes are also considered for these awards and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Paralympics Committee of India had written to the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports requesting for postponement of Arjun Awards ceremony and requested to conduct it after conclusion of 2018 Asian Para Games so that para-athletes could also be considered for these awards for the year 2018 and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the performance of only able-bodied sportspersons was considered for these awards for 2018 excluding the para-athletes and if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to conduct the National Para Games during the year 2019 on the lines of National games and Khelo India Games for able-bodied sportspersons; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Dual Fuel Usage

3850. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently notified dual-fuel usage for agricultural and construction equipment vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move will give boost to vehicles run on bio-fuel and help in reducing both cost and pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Flash Floods

3851. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted on the after affects of flash flood in Kerala and if so, the details thereof and the reasons identified for this flood;

(b) the measures being taken to overcome the serious damages caused to the environmental balance of the State;

(c) the financial assistance extended so far and the details of the works started including the time frame required to complete these works; and

(d) the number of people affected due to the said flood and the details of compensation released for the affected people so far?

Works Supervised under PMGSY

3852. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) need to be supervised/monitored effectively to ensure that the rural roads achieve the objective for which they are constructed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to ensure that the projects under PMGSY are completed as per the time-frame;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has also taken steps to ensure that the width of carriage way, gradient of the roads and shoulders are addressed properly; and

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

PMGSY in Tribal Areas

3853. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of road construction projects on forest land lying in tribal areas under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise;

(b) whether some projects of road construction on forest land lying in tribal areas in the State of Madhya Pradesh under PMGSY have been cancelled due to non-issue of No Objection Certificate (NOC) within time-frame limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last five years, State-wise including the district of Satna in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Government thereto along with the outcome thereof?

Khelo India Scheme

3854. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khelo India Scheme has been running successfully across the country since it was launched and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the budget allocated for this scheme during 2018-19; and

(c) the funds released to the States/UTs under the scheme, particularly to Andhra Pradesh during the said period?

Evaluation of NRDWP

3855. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the audit report from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India stating that the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), despite spending 90 percent of Rs. 89,956 crore of budgetary allocations over five years to 2017, has failed to achieve its intended targets and objectives;

(b) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme, with an objective of providing 35 percent of rural households with water connections and 40 litre of water per person per day is yet to achieve the same target;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government will be conducting any enquiry into the inefficiencies reported and reassess the contract management component of the programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Details regarding Drinking Water Schemes

3856. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/projects to provide safe drinking water to the rural population in the country;

(b) the funds allocated/being allocated during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the mechanisms that are in place to ensure proper and speedy implementation of schemes;

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed by which all the rural households will be provided safe drinking water; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Hosting Olympics in India

3857. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has approached International Olympic Committee (IOC) for hosting the Olympics in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IOC has identified/approved any city in India for hosting the Olympics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ontime Performance

3858. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

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

(a) the details of the Indian Airlines on-time performance during each of the last three years and the current year, Airline-wise;

(b) whether the Air India's on-time performance has been the poorest among all airlines in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the pilots are reporting late due to various reasons; and

(d) if so, whether the Government has conducted any enquiry on late reporting of pilots and if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereto?

Installation of LED at Airports

3859. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for installing energy efficient LED lights at Airports, building and facilities owned by AAI across India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the investment involved on the said project and the time by which it is likely to be installed;

(c) the details of institutions with which EESL has signed to replace inefficient lighting and cooling appliances with efficient equipment so far;

(d) the details of cost saving of power by EESL through installed/replaced inefficient lighting and cooling appliance with efficient equipment so far; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to transform multiple private/Government commercial building in India into energy efficient complexes?

Renewable Energy in North-Eastern States

3860. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government could not effectively use the huge potential of the renewable energy in the North-Eastern States, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed/assessed the great potential of solar, hydro and wind energy in North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned setting up of solar parks in different parts of North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and spent for the said purpose;

(d) whether the Government has also proposed to set up hydro power plants in North Eastern States, if so, whether the Government have identified the places and the time by which the same will be set up; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for utilising the solar energy with special focus on North-Eastern States?

Waiving of Toll Tax

†3861. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toll plazas where toll tax has been waived of since 2014 till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the revenue loss suffered by the Government as a result of toll tax waiver;

(d) whether the Government is aware that toll was being charged at some toll plazas even after recovering the construction cost of roads and fulfilling the terms and conditions of the tender;

(e) the number of such toll plazas identified across the country; and

(f) the details of the action taken by the Government on such companies?

Issues Related to Clean Drinking Water

†3862. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of the people who have access to clean drinking water in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals forwarded by the States which are lying pending with this Ministry along with the details of amount of funds sought by the State Governments for providing clean drinking water to the people, State-wise;

(c) the number and names of the States in which safe drinking water is available to more than ninety percent people; and

(d) the details of the works done or proposed to be done by the “National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Quality” so far?

Bhoomi Rashi Portal

†3863. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has recently launched the Bhoomi Rashi portal, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is of the view that full digitalisation and paperless processing of land acquisition cases would promote transparency, quicken the process, remove corruption and deficiencies and if so, the details regarding the manner in which the portal would prove to be in the interest of the people; and

(c) whether the Bhoomi Rashi portal is an example of resounding success of the Ministry, allowing land acquisition process to be digital and paperless, resulting in transparency in land acquisition cases, quickening the process, doing away the corruption and removing shortcomings?

IWTCS

3864. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has recently circulated Draft Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received the comments from all Stakeholders and Public, if so, the time by which the new Scheme is likely to be launched;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the wind power potential of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the salient features of the National Offshore Wind Energy Policy;

(e) whether the country has the fourth highest wind installed capacity in the world; and

(f) the steps taken through various policies and schemes for the healthy and orderly growth of wind energy sector in the country ?

Power Generation Cost

†3865. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge difference between power generation cost and the

distribution cost at which power is provided to the customers in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce gap between per unit power generation cost and the cost at which power is provided to the customers?

Solar Power Generation

3866. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set a target of 100 GW of Solar Power generation capacity by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof, States/ UT-wise details where new plants are going to the set up;

(c) whether there is a decline in the Solar Installation due to clearances or grey areas in GST, if so, the details thereof along with corrective steps taken/to be taken by the Government to achieve the target of 100 GW Solar Power generation by 2010;

(d) the current status of set up of 23 GW Solar Power generation in the Leh and Kargil Regions, Jammu & Kashmir, details along with the date of completion of work; and

(e) the number of houses built under PMAY-G till December 31, 2018 State-wise details thereof?

Screening of Objectionable Contents

†3867. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether screening of violence, nudity and obscenity are increasing in Films, T.V. programmes and Advertisements on various Television and Doordarshan channels;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard;

(d) if so, the number of cases registered regarding screening of objectionable contents during each of the last three years and current year and the action taken by the Government during the said period thereto, channel-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up a statutory mechanism for redressal of complaints against private TV channels and radio stations for telecasting/ broadcasting objectionable contents and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government also proposes to amend the Indian Penal Code

and the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 and other related Acts and if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be amended?

Rehabilitation of Families Affected by National Projects

3868. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

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

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

(a) whether inefficient rehabilitation and resettlement measures have contributed to cost escalation of national water resource development projects and if so, the details of cost escalation, project-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of people/household displaced while executing water resource development projects since 2014, State/project/year-wise;

(c) the details of the resettlement measures taken by the Government to

rehabilitate people displaced due to construction of each of these projects during the said period;

(d) the percentage of water resources budget spent on rehabilitation of people during each of the last four years since 2014, State-wise; and

(e) the details of percentage of Gross Domestic Product spent on rehabilitation and resettlement of people displaced due to water resources development projects during each of the last four years since 2014, State-wise?

Pilot Training Colleges in the Country

†3869. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to lease non-operational air strips to the pilot training colleges/institutions for the purpose of training of pilots; and

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

Skill Training by Airport Authority of India

3870. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India (AAI) has entered into partnership with the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) to impart skill training to youth in the aviation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of youth who got trained;

(c) the quantum of funds released to CIDC for skill training to youth;

(d) whether job opportunities for those who complete the training have been given priority and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether AAI also entered into a tripartite agreement with National Skill Development Fund and National Skills Development Corporation for imparting skills training to the youth in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the financial support extended during the last three years and the current year?

Utilisation of Irrigation Potential of National Projects

3871. SHRI V.
PANNEERSELVAM:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 21% of the irrigation potential generated from the five national projects is actually being utilized;

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

(c) whether none of the five projects under implementation had any proposal for command area development works sent to the Central Water Commission for approval;

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

(e) the project-wise details of measures taken by the Government to ensure last mile connectivity through construction of distributaries?

Rural Schemes in Tribal Areas

†3872. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various rural development schemes being implemented

in several tribal areas of Maharashtra along with the details of the funds allocated for the said purpose, Scheme-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to accord ownership rights to the tribals residing in forest land of rural areas of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has decided to construct roads and other infrastructural facilities in the said areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revival of Water Bodies

†3873. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is considering any action plan for revival of old and vanishing water bodies especially small rivers and ponds and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the water bodies like old ponds and small rivers which were in use 20 years ago but have dried up now; and

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

Community Radio Stations for Tribal Community

3874. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has failed to achieve its objectives of Community Radio Stations (CRS) in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for starting CRS for tribal community in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the States in which the said radio service has been started/likely to be started;

(e) whether the Government also proposes any special schemes for promotion of CRS in border areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to promote and popularize the community radio stations in the country?

Water Catchment and Ground Water Capacities

3875. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for enhancing the water catchment capacity as well as increasing the ground water capacity in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's allocation in the last four years; and

(c) whether the Government has provided adequate establishment of new Reverse Osmosis (RO) drinking water plants in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of Airports

3876. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 15 profitable airports were put under private management in the first such privatisation initiative by the Government to enhance India's aviation infrastructure;

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

(c) whether the AAI has large chunk of land across the country and is ranked as the third highest in terms of the land it owns probably after Railways and defence;

(d) if so, the total acres of land owned by the AAI and how much land it has surplus;

(e) whether currently, the AAI Act limits AAI to use its land for only airport related purposes;

(f) whether the Union Government is planning to amend the AAI Act to monetize its surplus land for commercial purpose;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) whether the Union Government has identified land for monetization and if so, the details thereof?

WHO Water Supply Standard

†3877. DR. RAMESH
POKHRIYAL
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of water supply in the country which lives upto the standards of World Health Organisation (WHO);

(b) the number of cases relating to contaminated water reported in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) the extent to which our laboratories are capable in this regard;

(d) whether the entire country has been connected with online integrated system of quality check results; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bharatmala Pariyojana

3878. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of any nation depends on the transportation networks and the ways in which they are being maintained and if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;

(b) whether the Union Government takes up a detailed account of the National Highway network through Bharatmala Pariyojana with the aim to improve connectivity;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise status of highway projects constructed under Bharatmala Pariyojana;

(d) whether the State Governments have submitted projects for construction of peripheral ring road under the Bharatmala Pariyojana project and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the number of such projects pending with the Union Government for financial assistance and the present status thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Union Government to decongest the traffic load on busy roads?

Thermal Utilities

3879. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of Water Resources Institute (WRI), States that more than 70 percent of India's existing thermal utilities are likely to experience an increased level of water competition from agricultural, urban and other industrial demands by 2033, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether diluting the rules on the amount of water that the new plants installed after January 1, 2017, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the total extra water consumption of the new plants from 2017-18?

Loan Agreement with ADB

3880. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has inked loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for improving sanitary facilities in cities in South India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the projects proposed;

(d) whether the State Governments has any role in the scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government is planning to expand the project to all cities; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Completion of NH Projects

3881. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many National Highway (NH) projects have been identified for completion by 2019;

(b) if so, the number of such pending projects in the country including in Maharashtra, State-wise;

(c) the States where problem of land acquisition is coming in the way of non-completion of these NH projects;

(d) whether the Government is regularly monitoring with the concerned State officials for better implementation and expedition of the projects in various parts of the country; and

(e) if so, the number of such meetings held during the last year, State-wise?

Demand for Financial Assistance

3882. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) the present status thereof including Air India?

Chabhar Port

3883. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chabhar port has been fully operationalized and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the proposed timeline fixed for the same;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during the last two years; and

(d) whether the construction of a railway line connecting the port to Afghanistan is underway and if so, the details thereof?

Proposals from Jharkhand

†3884. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals with regard to youth affairs and sports received from Jharkhand during the last three years along with the financial implication of these proposals;

(b) the details of proposals approved out of these, subject-wise;

(c) the details of proposals lying pending with the Union Government for approval as on date;

(d) whether the Government is aware that delay in approving these proposals is likely to cause delay in achieving their objectives and also lead to escalation of cost; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Seminar on Aviation Security

3885. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

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

(a) whether a seminar of Aviation Security experts of 18 countries was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the detailed discussion held on the aviation security in the light of increased air trips and airports;

(c) whether there is an urgent need of unified command across the airports of the country keeping in view the rise in air trips and number of airports in the coming 15 years; and

(d) if so, the detailed plan chalked out by Government in this regard?

New DTH Policy

3886. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING
सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the new Direct-To-Home (DTH) policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether interim licenses of certain players are likely to expire by December 31 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the new policy is expected to be announced and finalised?

Revenue Loss from NTC Mills

†3887. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES
वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is incurring revenue loss since National Textile Corporation (NTC) mills are lying closed;

(b) if so, the mill-wise and cost-wise loss incurred during the last three years;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to minimize and check the said loss;

(d) the success achieved by the Government as a result of the said efforts made so far; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution

3888. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of POWER
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any landmark decisions in thermal power generation, hydel, solar, wind and other green energy, strengthening of transmission and distribution, separation of feeder and metering of power to consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched any scheme aiming to provide quality and reliable 24×7 power supply in the urban area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Release of Balance Fund for Polavaram Project

3889. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION
जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has decided to pay attention to the matters of Polavaram Project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received the DPR-II of Rs.57,940 for approval and request from Andhra Pradesh for release of these balance funds immediately;

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

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to complete the project as scheduled by May, 2019?

Development of Airport Abroad by AAI

3890. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is undertaking developments of airports abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AAI is preparing a detailed project report for development of Palaly airport in Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Road Safety and Management System

3891. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish a National Road Safety and Management System;

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

(c) the time by which it is likely to be established; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring in added safety on roads by way of stricter checks on issuance of driving licences and higher penalties for traffic violations?

**Industries Polluting
Ganga River**

3892. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure estimated to make
the Ganga river clean and the funds spent
so far on this job;

(b) the current status of cleanliness of
the river in comparison to the time during
which the initiative to clean the river was
started;

(c) the number of polluting industrial
units identified for polluting Ganga river
and the number out of them which have
been shut down;

(d) the units which have rectified their
discharging in the Ganga river as per norms;
and

(e) the next target date for making the
Ganga river 100% clean?

**Implementation of
DDUGJY**

3893. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deen Dayal Ujwal
Gram Jyothi Yojana (DDUGJY) is not being
implemented in the ground level properly,
if so, the details thereof and the reasons
thereof;

(b) whether the DDUGJY Scheme is
suffering from lack of sufficient funds for
its implementation if so, the details thereof;
and

(c) the steps being taken by the
Government for release of sufficient funds
to the scheme for its proper
implementation?

**Additional Working Days under
MGNREGS**

3894. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government
has taken any steps to provide additional
working days under Mahatma Gandhi
National Rural Employment Guarantee
Scheme (MGNREGS) to flood affected
States including Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of total
working days allotted additionally State-
wise;

(c) the number of working days
allotted during the last four years in various
States including Kerala; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated,
sanctioned and released under MGNREGS
so far to various states including Kerala,
State-wise?

Impact of SBM

3895. SHRI B.Y.
RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of toilets
has increased after the implementation of
Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) if so, the details of toilets
constructed in schools and individual toilets
in rural and urban areas of Karnataka State
thereof; and

(c) the details of toilets constructed
in schools and individual toilets in rural
and urban areas with respect to assembly
segment-wise in Shimoga Parliamentary
constituency beneficiary-wise?

Storage of Rain Water

3896. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States have
been urged for the implementation of the
programme with regard to the storage of
rain water available in the country;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has
been made regarding the storage capacity
of rain water in each State; and

(c) if so, the capacity of each State for
storing the rain water and the percentage
which is being stored at present?

Rural Road Connectivity

3897. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Union
Government proposes to relax the norm to
sanction rural road connectivity to the
habitation 100 and above for 18 districts
covered under Integrated Action Plan (IAP)
and 250 and above in 12 non-IAP districts
in the State of Odisha under Pradhan Mantri
Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)?

Skill Training Centres

3898. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any
proposal to establish skill training centres
for advanced technology in textiles
industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the action taken/
current status of such projects, if any,
specially in Uttar Pradesh?

**Presence of Ammonia in Yamuna
River**

†3899. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ammonia levels in Yamuna
river has increased three times more than
the normal level and the quantity of
ammonia at present is 1.5 PPM against the
prescribed limit of 0.5 PPM;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to curb this menace in each of the concerned States?

Hazardous Conditions in Ship Breaking Yards

3900. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers employed at various ship breaking yards in the country and the details of ship breaking yards, State-wise along with the quantity and kind of waste generated at these yards;

(b) the details of the norms laid down by the Government for the disposal of solid waste generated therefrom;

(c) whether the workers in these yards are reported to be facing health hazards due to negligent waste disposal practices;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve waste disposal practices for well being of these workers; and

(e) whether there is an urgent need for regulatory framework for ship breaking industry in the country and if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Solid Waste Management under SBM

3901. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/ released/utilised for Solid Waste Management under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) from the year 2014-2018, State/year-wise;

(b) the details of the percentage of solid waste that is processed from the year 2014-2018, State/year-wise; and

(c) the details of insanitary latrines converted to sanitary latrines from the year 2014-2018 under the Swachh Bharat Mission, State/year-wise?

Water Conservation Fees for Ground Water Extraction

3902. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

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

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

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Authority has notified a water conservation fee that industries will have to pay on ground water extraction w.e.f. June, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the industries extracting ground water including mining dewatering units and those using ground water for packaged drinking water will have to apply for a No Objection Certificate from the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Condition of Moorad Bridge on NH-66

3903. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

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 precarious condition of Moorad Bridge between Kozhikode and Vatakara on NH-66 in Kozhikode District, Kerala;

(b) whether National Highways Authority of India has received proposal from the State Government for construction of new bridge at Moorad; and

(c) if so, give details of the proposed action in this regard, with specific mention of time by when the work is likely to commence?

Cleaning of Ganga River

3904. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

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

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

(a) the length in kilometers of Ganga river which has been cleaned in each State of the country under the Namami Gange Mission till date along with the technology used for the purpose;

(b) the quantum of expenditure incurred under the said Mission and the reasons for not cleaning the whole river so far; and

(c) the action the Government has taken or proposes to take to clean the entire Ganga river at the earliest?

Revival of Air India

3905. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is trying to revive the financial health of the national carrier by infusion of funds which would be sufficient to operate its fleet, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the national carrier, Air India is facing acute shortage of pilots as well as errant behaviour on the part of the pilots resulting in delayed flight schedules; and

(c) whether there is any proposal pending with the Ministry to dispose of the national carrier Air India in piecemeal steps since there are no takers for the Rs. 40000 crore in the red behemoth, if so, the details thereof?

Mechanism to Monitor Misleading Advertisements

3906. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing mechanism to monitor the misleading advertisements in electronic, print and social media across the country;

(b) the number of cases of misleading advertisement detected by the existing monitoring mechanism along with the status of such cases during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the number of misleading advertisers being punished in the country so far, State/UT-wise;

(d) the role and success achieved by the online portal launched by the Government to curb misleading advertisements in the country; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent misleading advertisements in electronic, print as well as social media?

Cost Overrun of Power Projects

3907. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of power projects have reported cost overruns as per the recent report released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation;

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

(c) whether the Government monitors the execution of these projects from time to time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether some of the power projects are not executed properly and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Modernisation and Digitisation of Land Records

3908. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(b) whether the Government is aware that the land records are poorly maintained and they do not reflect the ground position in huge number of cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up an initiative of modernisation and digitisation of land records and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the status of implementation of the said programme, State and District-wise;

(e) whether the Government has set any time-frame to complete the said project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with other comprehensive measures to complete the modernisation and digitisation of land records?

Wind Power Plants

†3909. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR

SINGH:

SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the potential and installed capacity for wind energy/ wind power plants in the country, State-wise including Odisha;

Development of Solar Parks

3910. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to utilise barren and unused land available under its control for developing solar parks specially in West Bengal;

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

(c) the details of action taken by the Government on the proposal received from a US based company to develop solar park on barren and unused land in the country?

(b) the percentage of domestic electricity requirement being met through wind energy in the country;

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

(d) the details of steps taken/ being taken by the Government to promote wind power generation in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh by addressing the key challenges in harnessing wind energy, strengthening grid infrastructure and financing for wind power generation including incentives provided for the purpose in the country particularly in Odisha; and

(e) the funds allocated, released and utilised for wind energy generation during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

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