

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)

Total Number of Questions — 230

Revision of amount under Pension Schemes

461. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pension schemes being run by the Union Government for the benefits of the destitutes, senior citizens, widows and differently abled persons along with the amount of pension thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there is any mechanism for revision in the amount of pension *vis-a-vis* rising inflation on an annual basis; and

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

Development of Water Recharging/ Harvesting Methods

462. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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 undertaken efforts to preserve, improve and develop the indigenous water recharge/ harvesting methods in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has constituted a panel of experts or professionals to study the efficacy, merits, viability or sustainability of traditional water recharging/harvesting techniques in the said State;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the total area of Maharashtra used for indigenous water recharging/harvesting; and

(d) if not, the reasons for misuse of preservation, improvisation and developing indigenous water recharging/ harvesting methods in the State?

Lighting on National Highways

463. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the GoI that there are no proper lighting arrangements on the National Highways (NHs) of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the GoI in this regard; and

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

Access to Toilets for all Citizens

464. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to improve access to clean, safe and reliable toilets for all citizens;

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

(c) whether Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has generated significant interests in addressing the urgent sanitation issue in Bundelkhand;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) by what time, all States including Bundelkhand will 100% open- defecation free; and

(f) the name of the States who are lagging behind to achieve the target?

Status of Implementation of SBM

465. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been implementing Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) to provide access to toilet facilities;

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

(c) whether many States have provided fake data to show their States as Open Defecation Free;

(d) if so, the current status of ODF districts, State-wise ; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve sanitation in the country?

Modernization of Air Traffic Service

466. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to develop a roadmap for modernization of its air traffic services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the growth in air passenger traffic over last few months in India has brought several challenges with it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sanitation Coverage under SBM

467. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sanitation coverage under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has increased largely;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the progress under Swachh Bharat Mission;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether usage of toilets in rural India has increased to a promising range; and

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

RDD&D Projects

468. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals for Research, Design, Development and Demonstration (RDD&D) projects under various heads from various Universities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the proposals of RDD&D projects received;

(c) the details of the various proposals of RDD&D projects got sanctioned and the funds allocated to the same;

(d) whether the Government has received any requests to expedite the process of selection of such RDD&D project proposals received; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Maintenance of NHs in Maharashtra

†469. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for repair work of National Highways (NHs) received from Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the details of the highways for which repair work has been approved;

(c) the location-wise amount of the funds released for the said purpose; and

(d) the details of the places where repair work has not been approved along with the reasons therefor?

Implementation of UDAN Scheme

470. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the various airports and routes that were sanctioned and notified by the Government under the first two phases of the UDAN scheme;

(b) the number of airports and routes that were sanctioned and notified under

the first two phases of the UDAN scheme have been made operational till date;

(c) whether the Government has set any target under the UDAN scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for withdrawal or suspension of services of scheduled commuter airlines on certain routes and the steps being taken to rectify these issues;

(e) the details regarding the UDAN licenses of commuter airlines that have been cancelled by the Government and details thereof;

(f) the details regarding the newly proposed International Air Connectivity Scheme under UDAN; and

(g) whether the Government has invited proposals/bids from airlines for the same, if so, the details thereof?

Cases of Illegal Mining

471. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:
SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of illegal mining for both major and minor minerals registered in the country during the last four years along with the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise;

(b) the names of the mining companies and their promoters/principal shareholders on which penalty has been imposed for illegal mining;

(c) the details of steps taken to stop illegal mining in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to constitute a Mining Authority and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to become functional; and

(e) the details of States in which Special Task Force is probing cases of illegal mining and the details of the remedial actions taken by the Government in this regard?

Increase of Power Generation

472. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had finalised a plan to add 78,000 MW of generation capacity and encouraged the setting up of gas based power plants to fulfil this, on the basis of their shorter gestation periods and also based on the assurance of an adequate quantity of domestic gas by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas;

(b) whether new plants of 9,000 MW capacity were planned and accordingly Independent Power Producers have built these plants based on the Government's plan to allocate gas as and when commissioned; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Access to Toilets under SBM

473. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether millions of people in the country do not have access to clean, safe and reliable toilets;

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

(c) whether Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has generated significant interest in addressing the urgent sanitation issue in the country;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has set target of 100% open-defecation free India;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the names of the States who are lagging behind to achieve the target; and

(h) the remedial measures taken by the Union Government to achieve the target?

Persondays under MGNREGS

474. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from State Governments to increase the persondays of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers;

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

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to hike the wages of MGNREGS workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Toilets under SBM

†475. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) launched on 2nd October, 2014, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, till date;

(b) the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the number of families benefited under Swachh Bharat Mission?

Innovations in Textile Industry

476. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has urged the textile industry to go for innovation and come forward in taking new initiatives, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is pushing for small size firms to become mid size as 80 per cent of the companies in the textiles industry are in the MSME sector, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has urged the industry to work closely with the Government so that the policies framed by the Government could be implemented effectively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response received by the Government in this regard?

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Cluster for Wind Energy

†477. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified clusters in the country for producing electric energy from wind energy;

(b) if so, the clusters identified in Bihar for this purpose; and

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

Release of Funds to Tamil Nadu

478. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reconsider its stand and release the second installment of basic grant of Rs.758.06 crore and the performance grant of Rs.194.78 crore for 2017-18 and the first installment of the basic grant of Rs.876.94 crore for 2018-19 as part of allocation to the local bodies in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Solar Park Scheme

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

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Solar Park Scheme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for setting up these parks during the last three years and the current year across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;

(c) the details of the number of solar parks approved and set up /in progress during the above-mentioned period across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;

(d) the details of the target set and achievements made under this scheme so far;

(e) the details of the percentage of clean energy generated by these parks so far across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal; and

(f) whether the Government has faced any difficulty in some of the States specially in West Bengal with regard to set up these parks after approval, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Increased Power Requirement in Tamil Nadu

480. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has empowered the Tamil Nadu Electricity

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Board (TNEB) and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO) to provide uninterrupted power supply to essential Government and Private offices and Vital Institutions, Police establishments etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to facilitate Tamil Nadu to meet its increasing power requirements including that of various Government and Private projects which requires 24x7 mandatory power supply; and

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

Extension of UDAN Scheme International Circuits

481. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

(a) the status and performance of UDAN scheme, phase-wise;

(b) whether it has been decided to extend UDAN to international circuits;

(c) if so, the details of the proposals and when the bidding process would start;

(d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Ministry to connect Vijayawada to cities like Singapore, Dubai, etc.; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard and whether any other State(s) have submitted similar proposals?

District Mineral Foundation

†482. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Minerals Foundation has been established in Sahibganj, Pakud, Godda and Dumka under Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the work carried out till date under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana for the welfare of people and development of the mining affected areas in aforesaid districts?

Amenities on NHs

483. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has any proposal to construct toilet complexes and kiosks at every toll-booth on the National Highways called Highways Nest-mini administered by NHAI for the convenience of the road users, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NHAI is in talks with leading Indian brands for establishing such kiosks at the toll-booths, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether NHAI has any proposal to station ambulances and fire tenders at the toll-booths to press them into service in the event of an accident on the National Highways involving road users etc., if so, the details thereof?

Use of Mobile Phones/Internet in Flights

†484. SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to issue directions for use of mobile and internet services in flights for the benefit of the passengers;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to levy additional service charge for its use; and

(c) the details thereof?

Solar Power Projects under NSM

485. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up of 15000 MW grid solar power projects through National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) under the National Solar Mission, if so, the details thereof along with status as on date;

(b) whether the Government will propose such projects in Char Areas of Assam where 100 of villages have been deprived of any electricity connectivity till date, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has finalised the locations for setting up of these Solar Power Projects; and

(d) if so, the capacity of these solar plants?

Roads identified under PMGSY

486. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of habitations yet to be connected under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the State of Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of eligible habitations under the said scheme, district-wise; and

(c) the number of roads identified under PMGSY during the said period, district-wise?

Details regarding Toilets constructed under SBM

487. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise data of toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) from 2014 to 2018;

(b) State-wise data of utilised toilets which were constructed under SBM from 2014-18 being utilized;

(c) the district-wise data of such toilets constructed under the SBM in Assam from 2014 to 2018;

(d) the State-wise data of funds allocated, funds released and funds utilized under SBM from 2014 to 2018; and

(e) the district-wise data of funds allocated, funds released and funds utilized under SBM from 2014 to 2018 in the State of Assam?

Status of Implementation of Sanitation Programmes

488. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has shifted its focus on providing sanitation facilities in the country particularly to the rural areas;

(b) if so, the present status of implementation of various programmes to provide sanitation facilities in the country, if so, the details thereof, programmes-wise and State/UT-wise implementation of the same;

(c) whether the Government has made any progress in mobilising behavioural change among people to increase usage of toilets in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note that water scarcity is the major concern to behavioural change of the people to increase usage of toilets in the country;

(e) if so, what is the response of the Government in this regard; and

(f) whether the Government is taking any further measures to see the success eliminating open defecation by ensuring water facilities, if so, the details thereof?

CAG Report on Air India

489. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry to rectify lacunae identified by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in the functioning of Air India?

Release of Funds under PMKSY

490. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA: KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in the country since 2015-16;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total outlay for the said yojana and its various components;

(c) the targets fixed/achieved and progress made so far thereunder since inception of the yojana; and

(d) the details of Central assistance released under various components of PMKSY and Flood Management Programme (FMP) including anti-erosion schemes for Karnataka during the last three years?

Areas Inundated due to Flood Water

†491. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

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

(a) whether some areas are inundated due to flood water every year during Monsoon season in the country;

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

(c) whether any assessment has been made with regard to annual loss caused by it in each State and if so, the details in this regard for the last three years, State-wise including Rajasthan; and

(d) whether any measures have been taken for its redressal and if so, the details thereof?

Silk Parks

†492. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of silk parks in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more silk parks in the country;

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

(d) the time by which these parks are likely to be set up?

Arbitrary Airfares

†493. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding charging of arbitrary fares by various airline companies;

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

(c) whether the Government intends to fix or cap the percentage increase of air fares; and

(d) whether flexi fare schemes on the lines of Railways can be introduced in air travel?

Villages Connected under PMGSY in Haryana

494. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the total number of villages connected under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Haryana during the last four years;

(b) the funds allocated by the Union Government for the said purpose during the said period;

(c) whether the Union Government has also identified unconnected villages for the said purpose in Haryana under PMGSY Phase-III; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken by the Union Government thereto?

Electrification of Villages

495. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of Government announcement of 100 per cent electrification, numbers of villages in the country still are without electricity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Assam Government has asked for electrification of more than lakhs of villages therein, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether still 16 per cent of households in the country are without access of electricity, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of electrification of villages during the period 2006-2012 and 2011-2018; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve actual 100 per cent of electrification thereto?

Roads Constructed under PMGSY

†496. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Udaipur Parliamentary constituency, Area-wise?

Export Promotion of Textiles

497. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major steps taken for promotion in exports related to textiles, woolen, silk and cellulose fibers from industries in India;

(b) initiatives taken by the Government to boost production and export of handicrafts item in India in last four years; and

(c) steps taken by the Government to promote production and exports of Jute industry in India in last four years?

'Swajal' Programme

498. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN: SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Union Government has launched 'Swajal' programme in some selected States in the country in February, 2018;

(b) whether it is also true that the Union Government has decided to expand and implement this 'Swajal' programme in 1000 Gram panchayats/villages nation-wide;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the salient features and advantages of the swajal programme;

(e) the total budget/cost for implementation of the programme and source of the fund for the programme;

(f) by when this programme will be implemented and completed; and

(g) if so, the total number of districts being covered under this programme in Tamil Nadu?

ID Proof of Flyers

499. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued fresh guidelines with regard to identity proof of the flyers at airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the security aspect at airport and during flights were given adequate consideration while formulating these guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Differences over e-Vehicle Policy

500. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the differences over e-vehicle policy between NITI Aayog and Ministry of Transport;

(b) whether the Ministry of Transport have suggested to NITI Aayog to redraft the said policy, if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the e-vehicle policy is likely to be finalized; and

(d) the detailed note thereon?

Losses incurred by Air India

501. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed an expert committee to advise Air India to come out of losses and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Air India Unions are against privatisation of Air India;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to bail out Air India from going bankrupt?

Scrapping of Old Cars

502. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government will introduce any policy for scrapping of old cars and other transport vehicles;

(b) whether under such scheme the Government shall set up scrapping centres itself or give licenses to private entities;

(c) whether the process of turning the old cars into scrap is environment friendly, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to protect the environment during the scrapping process?

Promotion of Paralympics

†503. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of provisions made under Khelo India Scheme to promote, encourage and impart training to para athletes;

(b) the annual budgetary allocation made in this regard;

(c) the achievement of India in the last Commonwealth/International Paralympics; and

(d) the manner in which sportspersons are being encouraged for better performance in Paralympics?

Network Investment and Strengthening

504. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of substations and Distribution Transformers (DTs) planned, and installed, State-wise, in rural electrification projects since 2014;

(b) the number of electrification lines under 11 KV planned and laid under rural electrification projects since 2014, State-wise;

(c) the number of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) projects sanctioned since its inception, and the number of projects delayed for more than two years;

(d) the number of overloading and transformer breakdowns since 2014, State-wise;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of electricity supply;

(f) the measures taken in tariff design innovation to encourage home-based or small enterprises in newly electrified villages; and

(g) the number of accidents and fatalities from electricity shock, fires from electricity short-circuits since 2014, State-wise, the details of compensation paid to victims since 2014?

Pending Road Projects

505. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of infrastructure and road projects are stuck presently and pending completion;

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

(c) the time by which these projects would be completed in all respects?

Performance of Private Sector Airlines

506. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of operational airports in the country and their financial performance since their privatization;

(b) whether it is fact that the Government intends to privatize more airports in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new airport projects under consideration at present and whether any new airport project is planned to be developed through private sector, if so, the details thereof?

Bailout of NH Projects due to Crises in IL&FS

507. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether IL&FS company is battling multiple repayment defaults and many projects being undertaken by the company are under threat;

(b) if so, the number of highway projects are struck being implemented by the company;

(c) whether the Government is considering bailout of highway projects of the crisis hit IL&ES; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and other measures being taken by the Government for smooth implementation of sensitive highway projects like Zojila Pass etc.?

Air Services from Jharkhand and Gujarat

†508. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA: SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new air service has been launched from Jharkhand and Gujarat to other cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to launch new air services in cities of Jharkhand and Gujarat as well as from cities of Jharkhand and Gujarat to other cities also; and

(d) if so, the city-wise details and if any timelimit has been fixed?

Welfare Schemes for Rural Masses

509. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently launched a high-intensity outreach programme to deliver welfare schemes to rural masses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this initiative aims for 100% coverage of schemes launched by the Union Government for eligible beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is focused on doubling farmers' income, enhance livelihood opportunities and re-emphasize national priorities such as cleanliness and strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of R.O. Water Purifiers

510. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether minerals/vitamins essential for human body are also extracted from water by R.O. system causing several health issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete remedial steps have been taken or proposes to be taken by the Government to address the problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Weavers

†511. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of weavers in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh as on date;

(b) whether the Government has sanctioned/released money for execution of various schemes for weavers;

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

(d) whether some State Governments are unable to fully utilise the sanctioned money;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure optimum use of released money for the benefit of weavers?

Group Workshed Scheme

512. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing a scheme for Group Workshed for Powerloom sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the basic objectives and scope of the scheme; and

(d) the eligibility and criteria to avail the facilities under this scheme?

Leave Notice for Commanders

513. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation of the major domestic pilots' unions such as National Aviator's Guild (NAG) and Indian Pilots Guild and Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA), regarding the changes

made to the period of leave notice for commanders;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including whether or not, such unions were included in the discussions with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA),

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details and reasons behind the DGCA's proposal to extend the job leaving notice period to one year for commanders, from the present six months?

Nomenclature and Status of Sanitation Workers

514. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all sanitation workers are still called "manual scavengers" and there isn't a nuanced understanding of the diversity of sanitation work, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to enact a law for appointment of sanitation workers in all the Gram Sabhas under the Swachh Bharat Mission; and

(c) the various welfare and social security schemes/including improving the working condition implemented particularly for such sanitation workers in the country?

Development of Waterways

515. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed or is framing any policy for development of waterways in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of locations/lengths identified by the Government for the purpose; and

(c) whether any budgetary allocation has been made for the same and if so, the details thereof?

Sources of Energy

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

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to make Solar, wind and biogas as main sources of power and the details thereof;

(b) whether the International Solar Alliance day was celebrated in Delhi in October, 2018;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether some agreements have been signed in this conference; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment Allowance Under MGNREGS

517. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether not a single person from Punjab was given unemployment allowance under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether out of 15.27 lakh workers in Punjab registered under the scheme only 9,517 were employed for 100 days and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to link agriculture with MGNREGS which shall benefit farming oriented States such as Punjab and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to reduce wage payments delay; and

(e) whether there is any monitoring mechanism which ensures timely dispersal of payment to workers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise?

Sanitation in Rural Areas

518. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of rural sanitation coverage in the country before launch of Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) and the achievement made after launching SBM-G, year-wise and State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(b) the present coverage of household toilets as on date;

(c) the targets fixed to make the country Open Defecation Free (ODF) and the time by which 100% rural sanitation coverage is likely to be achieved under SBM-G;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding ODF villages where the authentication of the construction of toilets has been inspected and examined and if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(e) the number of toilets built across rural India during each of the last four years and the number of villages declared ODF in the country including Gujarat region, State/UT-wise?

Complaints against Low Cost Airlines

519. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints against low cost airlines by the air passengers in the country during the past three years, airline-wise and year-wise;

(b) the action taken against those low cost airlines;

(c) whether there are growing incidents of mistreatment of air passengers by these private airlines in recent years; and

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

Problem of Drinking Water in Drought Affected Areas

†520. SHRI RAJU SHETTY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to deal with the issue of drinking water in drought affected districts/areas across the country including Maharashtra;

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

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any proposal to resolve this issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Quality House Construction under PMAY-G

521. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of rural houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) has increased substantially during the period of 2014-18 as compared to 2010-14;

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

(c) whether quality house construction under the scheme is being ensured through rural mason training and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government plans to bring in new initiatives for upgradation of kutcha houses in consultation with relevant stakeholders, so as to achieve the objective of housing for all by 2022 under PMAY-G?

Vehicles on Alternative Fuels

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

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has asked the Automobile companies to increase the number of electric vehicles or vehicles running on alternate fuels; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken/likely to be taken by the Government to increase the number of electric vehicles and running on alternate fuels to bring down pollution levels?

Safety of Passengers' Baggage at IGI, New Delhi

523. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of theft of passengers' baggage at airports, especially at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport of New Delhi are yet to cease;

(b) if so, the reasons for failure in curbing the incidents of theft of passengers' baggage;

(c) the categories of employees who are found to be involved in these incidents of stealing;

(d) whether steps are being taken to prevent such incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rain Water Harvesting

†524. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

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 issued any guidelines with regard to the rain water harvesting;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of States which have started following these guidelines?

Inebriate Condition of Pilots

525. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that pilots have been found drunk before the flights in the recent times, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of pilots who have been found drunk before the flights between 2015-18 and details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to examine the reasons for multiple such incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revamping of Aviation Sector

526. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India is set to become the third largest aviation market in the world in the next 5-7 years and if so, whether it is experiencing problems of capacity constraints, increasing congestion and capacity shortages in terms of runway slots, terminals and so on;

(b) if yes, the steps taken by the Government to address these problems affecting the growing aviation sector;

(c) measures undertaken to resolve the structural problems in airport planning;

(d) whether more private-public partnerships have been considered to develop and modernize airports across the country; and

(e) whether a panel has been constituted which would explore ways to hive off Air Navigation Services into a separate entity and if yes, the details thereof?

Quadri-Cycle as Non-Transport Vehicle

527. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce quadri-cycle as a non-transport vehicle under the Motor Vehicle Act to improve last-mile connectivity and private use; and

(b) if so, the list of the manufacturers of quadri-cycles in the country along with the details of different models being manufactured in this sector?

Rules for Black Film and Bumper Guard

528. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is general unawareness among the people about the extent or percentage of black film including bumper guard which can be used in the private cars which does not attract any penalty or fine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the correct rules for the use of black film and bumper guard on cars and also whether any steps have been taken to educate the people extensively in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of NH in Jalore-Sirohi

†529. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 28 Kms. roads are being constructed per day in the country including Rajasthan and if so, the total length of roads in kilometers constructed and repaired in Jalore and Sirohi during the last three years and the total amount of funds allocated and spent in this regard;

(b) the present status of construction work of Jalore-Ahore highway (NH-325) along with the reasons for delay in construction of an overbridge at crossing No. C-48 situated on NH-325;

(c) the details of the total cost of this road and the over-bridge along with the funds allocated and spent thereon so far;

(d) whether the journey of about 75 Km. between Jalore and Sirohi is performed in three to four hours due to broken roads and traffic and comes to standstill in Akoki and Sirohi in Jalore during heavy rains; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to connect both the district centres *i.e.* from Swaroopganj to Krishanganj and Kandil Bulut Mandali to Jalore district centre to NH and if so, the details thereof?

Debt of Air India

530. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government owes Air India over Rs. 1146.86 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to pay the outstanding amount to Air India in a time bound manner as Air India is facing acute shortage of funds to meet its capital requirements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Textile Exhibitions

†531. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organised a big textile exhibition in Maharashtra during the last four years, if so, the details thereof along with the number of countries participated in this exhibition and theme of this exhibition;

(b) the number of memorandum of understanding signed by global manufactures during his exhibition; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to provide platform to make India global service centre connecting global manufactures and for co-operating with them?

Exploitation of Ground Water

532. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to boost rainwater harvesting, recharge of aquifers and protection of ground water table; and

(b) the steps/action taken to control/prevent unauthorized exploitation of ground water resources?

Inter-State River Water Sharing Disputes

533. 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 it is true that the Government is considering to bring a law to resolve inter-State river water sharing disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to set up 13 River Basin Authorities and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is also considering to bring in a River Basin Management Bill, 2018 which will replace the River Board Act, 1956; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Growth of Domestic Passenger Traffic

534. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic passenger traffic grew by 13.3% in October, 2018, the slowest in 15 months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the domestic air traffic has been growing at 201% y-o-y due to affordable fares and rising personal income in the 2018 calendar year; and

(d) whether it is also true that the majority of carriers reported 2-7 % y-o-y decline in passenger load factor in October, 2018?

Electricity Theft

535. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether each village of the country has been electrified, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide continuous electricity supply to all these villages; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to prevent electricity theft and improve transmission losses over distribution ?

Under-utilization of Power Plants

536. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than half of gas based power plants capacity is stranded or unutilised which requires immediate attention;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reason for the shortage of gas supply to these power plants is the Government's inability to ensure an adequate supply, despite its assurance to the power plants; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Action Plan for by-Passes and Seamless Toll Payment

537. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been asked to prepare an action plan to build by-passes for the 10 top cities across the country;

(b) whether NHAI has been asked to prepare an action plan to integrate systems on State Highways and entry points for seamless payment of toll charges through RFID tags;

(c) whether Government is considering to chalk out a plan for measuring and publishing the congestion data of entire network of Golden Quadrilateral; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Arsenic Contamination of Ground Water

†538. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people are struggling with the life threatening diseases because of high concentration of arsenic in ground water in Darbhanga, Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any research work in this regard;

(c) whether any funds have been released or guidelines have been issued to the State Government to solve the problem of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification Schemes for Jammu & Kashmir

†539. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes under which electricity is being provided to the people of State of Jammu & Kashmir in rural areas;

(b) whether the Government is bringing any new scheme for the rural people;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of funds allocated to the State of Jammu and Kashmir under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)?

E-Vehicle Permit

†540. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to exempt E-vehicles from the requirement of permit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Corporate Social Responsibility

541. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds spent by various companies in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years;

(b) the details of the amount spent during the above years, State-wise, district-wise and work-wise;

(c) whether lesser funds have been issued to Maharashtra under CSR during the above period due to which people have received less benefits; and

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

Status of PMGSY

542. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the funds allocated, released and sanctioned for each component of roads and the status of their completion, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of roads being planned/ approved/under consideration for the upcoming projects, State/UT-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Flood Forecasting Stations

543. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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 flood forecasting stations of Central Water Commission functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States for establishment of such stations;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a flood forecasting station of Central Water Commission in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Timely Payments to MSMEs

544. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Prime Minister has recently announced

several packages including timely payment to MSMEs for supply of goods so that there is not impact on their businesses;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that M/s Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) is acting against the announcement of Prime Minister by blocking payments of MSMEs dealing in bullion for years; and

(c) the steps are being taken by the Government to ensure that payments of small bullion parties are cleared and action taken against those responsible for delay of such payment on false grounds?

Youth Road Safety Learner's License

545. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched Youth Road Safety Learner's License programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it attempts to bring formal and structured training program for young, first-time drivers when they apply for learner's license;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning to implement it throughout the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of Indian Coaches for various Sports Disciplines

†546. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to appoint Indian coaches for each sports discipline in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these coaches are likely to be provided the same emoluments and other facilities as being provided to the foreign coaches who were appointed for the same;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to revise the existing emoluments of Indian coaches; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Achievements of Namami Gange Mission

547. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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 any extra measures along Ganga river for the upcoming Kumbh at Prayagraj;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any record of the improvement made through Namami Gange Mission of the Government has been maintained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Renewable Energy

548. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy formulated for the promotion of renewable energy in view of the power crisis in various States in the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of the works undertaken by the State Nodal Agencies (SNAs) in the renewable energy sector in the rural areas and the achievements made as a result thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of incentives being given to the SNAs for promotion, coordination and monitoring of projects State/UT-wise?

Nehru Yuva Kendra

†549. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the objective of the Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) is to inspire and strengthen the youth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of programmes held by NYK during the last four years in the State of Maharashtra, district-wise including Jalgaon district;

(c) whether the peoples representatives of concerned districts participate in these programmes and if so,

the number of such programmes in which Members of Parliament or Members of Legislative Assembly were present, especially in Jalgaon district; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Biomass Energy Generation

550. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present installed capacity of power projects based on biomass combustion and biogases co-generation;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to achieve the target fixed for energy generation through biomass and biogases for the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of biomass energy generation projects set up by the Government in each State during the year 2015-2016 and current financial year and the energy generation capacity of each project, State-wise?

CVC Instructions for Rotational Transfer of Officials

551. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CVC has issued instructions for effective and rotational

transfer of officials and staff posted in sensitive positions in the year of 1999, 2001, 2008 and 2012 respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its compliance;

(c) whether the Government has identified the sensitive posts and has been effecting rotational transfer, if so, the details thereof post-wise since three years; and

(d) whether the CVC on 11.09.2013 prescribed the Government to identify the sensitive posts and staff working in these posts and also to ensure that they are strictly rotated after every two/three years to avoid developing vested interest, if so, the details thereof along with rotational transfer's details since three years?

Upgradation of Airports

552. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in Gujarat under the Airports Authority of India and out of them, how many are proposed to be upgraded to the international standards;

(b) the names of the airports that have been upgraded to international standards and by when the remaining airports will be upgraded to international standards; and

(c) whether it is proposed to connect several smaller cities of Gujarat to the National Capital by air services and the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana

†553. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments under the Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana;

(b) if so, the State-wise, project-wise and National Highway-wise details thereof including Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of action taken on these proposals and the reasons for delay in according sanction; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for implementation of the said projects?

Direct Benefit Transfer

554. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans for introducing Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism to disburse the power subsidies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether pilot studies have been conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof along with the key findings and benefits of such policy; and

(c) the mechanism to assess the exact subsidies in case of agricultural sector where the beneficiaries are often unmetred and subsidy is provided on assumed consumption norms, which are often underestimated?

Teesta River Linking Project

555. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

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 status of inter linking of rivers project with regard to Teesta;

(b) the impact of the inter linking project on water availability in downstream areas; and

(c) the manner in which the decline in glacial source waters due to climate changes has affected livelihood of mountain and lower riparian communities?

Consumer Awareness on Advertisements

556. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by the Government on advertising and publication of various schemes and programmes launched during the last three years, Year-wise;

(b) whether Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) proposes to invest digitally for raising the average consumer awareness on advertisements;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the new policy, if any, initiated by the Union Government to reduce the expenditure on advertisements; and

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

Withdrawal of Gas-based Subsidy

557. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to withdraw the subsidy extension scheme being provided to gas-based power plants in the country;

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

(c) whether the power producers' association has been requesting for extension of the scheme for only two years as short term solution to enable them make alternate arrangements, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of the Government to such request?

Maintenance of Roads under PMGSY

558. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural roads in the country are in dilapidated condition and repair works are neglected;

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

(c) whether States have framed policy for maintenance of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(d) if so, the details of the States which have framed policy in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce new technologies for constructing all-weather rural roads in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

Import Duty on Textile Items

559. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has doubled the import duty on textile items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the move have benefitted the domestic manufacturers of these products;

(d) whether some countries still enjoy duty free access to Indian markets; and

(e) if so, will it not adversely impact the domestic manufacturers?

Air India Incident

560. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Air India Express plane flew four hours with a ruptured belly;

(b) whether this flight was damaged when it hit the boundary wall of the airport during take off;

(c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has ordered any investigation into this tragedy; and

(d) if so, the findings thereon?

**Dhubri-Phulbari
Bridge**

561. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of a long pending public demand for construction of Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge over river Brahmaputra to connect Assam and Meghalaya with the rest of the nation;

(b) whether the Government has ordered for preparation of DPR for Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received a demand for two wings at the bridge for access and benefit of people of the people of Mankachar, Goalpara etc.;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the reasons for delay in construction of this important bridge;

(g) the steps taken by the Government for budgetary allocation for the construction of the said bridge; and

(h) the time by which the construction of bridge will start?

**Environmental Clearance for
Expansion of Airports**

562. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has sought various clearances from Environment Ministry for expansion of five airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the AAI has sought the Ministry to prepare terms of reference for the expansion programmes of many airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Constant Tracking of
Aircraft**

563. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to prevent disappearance like to MH370 case, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has mandated constant tracking of aircraft at 15 minute intervals particularly on routes over oceans;

(b) whether the operator shall establish an aircraft tracking capability to track aeroplanes throughout its area of operations, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the airlines will be complaint with whatever is required as the systems are already in place with them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Energy Sources

564. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the increase in the power generation from new and renewable energy sources like Solar energy in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government in increasing the Solar Energy in the country; and

(c) whether any Solar Energy projects are being taken up in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

Eligible Beneficiaries under PMAY-G

565. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States have performed very well in achieving the targets for the current year 2018-19 under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) which was launched on 1st April, 2016 and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether large number of eligible beneficiaries of the standard list are pending and awaiting allotment like the State of Rajasthan where their number is about 10 lakh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State of Rajasthan has sent request to the Union Government for additional target of construction of 2 lakh houses against the allotted target of 70,000 houses and remaining target of 1.30 lakh pending and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to allot remaining target to the State of Rajasthan; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Housing for all by 2022

566. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to achieve the objective of housing for all by 2022 under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of Private FM
Stations**

567. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start more private FM stations in the country including remote areas;

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

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time line to start radio transmission line of Godda (Jharkhand) and FM station and studio of Deoghar (Jharkhand); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to start functioning?

Empowered Committee for Stressed Power Plants

†568. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the empowered Committee headed by Cabinet Secretary suggested policy measures to revive stressed power plants with improved coal availability and if so, details of the main recommendations made by the aforesaid Committee;

(b) whether some of the recommendations are for allowing coal linkage for short-term contracts or bill discounting mechanism to address overdue payments;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government of India for implementation of the recommendations/suggestions made by the aforesaid Committee;

(d) whether aforesaid Committee suggested reserving 60% of coal spot auctions for power plants, change in coal allocation policy to offer future incremental coal without auction to PPA holders and offering more coal to efficient plants; and

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

Water Crisis in Maharashtra

†569. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

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 Marathwada region of Maharashtra is facing water crisis again;

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

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned any projects to tackle water crisis of this region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bharatmala Pariyojana

570. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI KAMAL NATH:

SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had launched an ambitious project called "Bharatmala Pariyojana" during the year 2017;

(b) if so, the present status of the said scheme and whether the Union Government has recently reviewed its progress report and found many shortcomings /roadblocks including fund crunch, slow land acquisition and delay in preparing DPRs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to ensure removal of various hurdles and bottlenecks to complete the projects in a time bound manner, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the actual cost incurred to construct the highways is 50 per cent higher than the estimated cost?

Quality of Construction of NHs

†571. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:
DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from the State Governments regarding quality of construction work of National Highways during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for inspection of quality of construction of roads and highways; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure quality of construction of National Highways?

New Projects under Sagarmala Programme

572. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to add new projects under Sagarmala programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the further steps the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Chennai-Coimbatore Road Project

573. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to take up new road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Coimbatore along the districts of Salem, Erode, Tirupur;

(b) whether the Government has any plans to construct new road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Kanyakumari along the East Coast;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to construct new road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Madurai along the districts of Cuddalore, Nagappattinam, Thanjavur and Tiruchirapalli;

(d) whether the Government has any plans to construct new Road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Salem along the districts of Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri; and

(e) the total estimated cost of these projects and the timelimit for the completion of the same and the details thereof?

Implementation of NRDWP

574. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has achieved the desired results in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the areas

which are yet to be covered under the said programme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has provided adequate funds under the said programme during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with its utilisation reported by the implementing agencies, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether certain irregularities/deficiencies in implementation of the said programme have come to the notice of the Government during the said period;

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

(g) the mechanism put in place by the Government to monitor the implementation of the said programme?

Allocation of Funds to PRIs

†575. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints of misutilisation of Panchayat funds in various States/UTs;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated for Panchayats during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure balanced development of all the villages through Panchayati Raj institutions?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Measures against Manual Scavenging under SBM

576. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the socio-economic and caste census of 2011 had identified 1,80,657 households of manual scavengers across India, which is a prohibited practice under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act 2013;

(b) if so, the details of the number of manual scavenging labourers employed, district-wise in the country for the last three years, and the number of sewage lines they are to clean, each;

(c) whether the Government is taking/planning to take measures against manual scavenging under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM); and

(d) the details of the gears/equipments being provided to manual scavenging labourers, State/UT-wise every year for the last three years?

Availing of Benefits under ATUFS

577. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether textiles owners/players have been facing severe difficulties to avail benefits under Amended Technology Funds Scheme (ATUFS), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government of India has set up steering committee to suggest the modalities for implications of norms under the ATUFS, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to convene a meeting of senior industry officials including their representative bodies to make the scheme industry-friendly;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the meeting will be convened;

(e) whether total fund allocation under ATUFS has been very low since its launch in January 2016, if so, the details therefor; and

(f) the details of funds allocated for implementation of scheme under ATUFS and old TUFs during the last three years and current year?

Airports in Madhya Pradesh

†578. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports under Airport Authority of India(AAI) in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of airports out of them which are proposed to be upgraded to international standards;

(c) whether any action has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Environmental Rating of Thermal Power Plants

579. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have taken the cognizance of the study conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) on the environmental rating of Indian thermal power plants, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Indian thermal power plants are one of the most polluting in the country, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details regarding thermal power plants run by National Thermal Power Corporation Limited in terms of (i) Average efficiency of the plants; (ii) Average CO₂ (carbon dioxide) emissions; (iii) Average water consumption; (iv) Level of Particulate Matter released in the air; and (v) Level of utilization of solid waste (ash) generated?

Unviable Power Plants

†580. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several thermal power plants in the country which have become unviable;

(b) if so, the details of total number of such plants along with their power generation capacity;

(c) the details of estimated amount required to help these power plants to overcome financial crisis; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the revival of the said plants?

Swimming Federation of India

581. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASAREDDY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) has set a target of preparing the promising swimmers for the Tokyo Olympics-2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether SFI has sent a list of foreign coaches to the Government for approval to groom the youngsters for the Olympics-2020 and also take held of some other Foundation in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether SFI is keen on opening regional centres to provide platforms to budding talent and planning to expand throughout the country so that swimmers do not have to travel from one corner to another corner of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

Growth of the Air Passenger Traffic

582. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether about five crore air passengers are travelling every year and will grow exponentially in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether air passengers are facing issues like flight delays, problem in refunds, long queues, inadequate facilities at airports and complaints of lost baggage;

(d) if so, the details thereof in this regard;

(e) whether there is an urgent need of upgradation of Air Sewa and systemic intervention in improving customer services;

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Union Government for the redressal of grievance of air passengers?

Air Connectivity in the Country

583. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of requests, recommendations and proposals received from different quarters during the last three years and the current year for increasing air connectivity in the country;

(b) the action taken thereon so far; and

(c) the plans in this regard?

Performance of Sportspersons

†584. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of performance of India in athletics and other sports is not at par with other countries despite huge potential of young talent in the country;

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

(c) the details of latest techniques being used and training imparted to improve the performance of the players at international level; and

(d) the details of preparations being made to improve the level of performance in the Olympics-2020?

International Youth Exchange Programme

585. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any prescribed procedure is followed for the selection of Indian Youth

for participating in International Youth Exchange Program (IYEP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the role of Indian youth in the said program;

(d) the details of funds allocated/ utilised for the promotion of youth through such programmes during the last four years; and

(e) the number of youth/students participated in such programmes during the said period, year and State-wise?

Bike Taxi

586. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bike taxis have been made legal in 14 States and whether Karnataka Government has taken any measures to legalise bike taxis which will tremendously help in reducing pressure on city roads and ease traffic jams;

(b) the necessary steps to be taken by the State Governments in the draft regulation on Motor Vehicle Act issued by the Central Government; and

(c) whether the draft regulations by the Centre is binding on the State Governments?

Toll, Operate and Transfer

587. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to auction the 2nd lot of eight completed National Highway Projects for toll operation which is likely to generate about Rs. 5,400/- crore;

(b) whether the said National Highways will be auctioned on Toll, Operate & Transfer (TOT) basis;

(c) if so, what would be the period of lease and whether it would include the maintenance of those National Highways also; and

(d) if not, the authority responsible for maintaining the National Highways?

Membership to UN Countries

588. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently approved for moving resolution in first assemble of ISA to open up its membership to all UN countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aim behind the resolution; and

(c) whether it will help in putting solar energy in global agenda with universal appeal for developing and deploying solar energy?

Setting up of Sports Complex

589. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish a sports complex in every Tehsil of every State in the country; and

(b) if so, the number of such sports complexes proposed to be established in the country, location and State-wise including Bihar and Gujarat?

Leasing out of Airports of AAI

590. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI P.K. SREEMATHI
TEACHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has plans to lease out six airports of AAI viz. Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru for operation, management and development under Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) through Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits accrued?

Protection of Rivers Affected by Floods

591. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the river banks and surrounding areas

along the rivers of Kerala were damaged due to recent floods;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to give a package to Kerala for protection of rivers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has noticed that the damage caused to the Pampa river during floods is resulting in difficulties to the Sabarimala pilgrims; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to give financial assistance for rejuvenation of the said river and if so, the details thereof?

PMGSY

†592. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the average length of roads in kilometres which has been constructed per day under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last two years and the current financial year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the roads constructed under PMGSY during the said period has been constructed in strict compliance with the set standards and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of eligible villages where roads are still required to be constructed under PMGSY, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the action plan being adopted by the Government to complete the pending projects so that all projects could be completed by the year 2019?

Upgradation of Surat Airport into International Airport

593. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the progress made in upgradation of the Surat Domestic Airport into International Airport;

(b) the action taken by Central Government, in coordination with State Government of Gujarat, to sort out various outstanding issues for development/upgradation of Surat Airport; and

(c) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated for this purpose?

Greenfield Airports

594. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Greenfield airports in the country; and

(b) the status of expansion of old airports under construction, including those in Arunachal Pradesh?

Progress in Regional Connectivity Scheme

595. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress and achievements made by the regional

connectivity scheme by the Government till date;

(b) whether the Government is considering to commence a second phase of the regional connectivity scheme to augment air connectivity to remote locations in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any district in West Bengal has been developed or intended to be developed under the regional connectivity scheme till date in both phases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof with progress made till date?

Proposals under PMGSY

†596. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received and cleared under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the proposals are pending with the Government for approval;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the follow-up action taken to clear the said projects immediately; and

(e) the number of complaints received from various States including Maharashtra regarding quality of link roads under PMGSY along with the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Management of Dams during Floods

597. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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 noticed that the recent flood has caused huge damage in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the cause of such flood and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the States for management of various dams in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Kerala has followed the guidelines while opening the shutters of various dams during floods in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether climate changes have caused heavy rains in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has failed to give early warning and taking security measures while releasing waters from the dams and if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/to be taken to tackle the situation?

Biomass Pallets for Thermal Power Plants

598. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to use biomass pallets (Parali) with coal in the country's thermal power plants, if so, the details thereof alongwith State and UT-wise where biomass pallets (Parali) will be used with coal;

(b) whether the use of biomass pallets (Parali) with coal to produce electricity will be costlier, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to reduce the cost of electricity using Parali with coal; and

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to see how much extra production of electricity can be done using biomass pallets available in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Failure to Meet Targets under NRDWP

599. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are seized of the audit report from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India that the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) despite spending 90 per cent of Rs. 89,956 crore of budgetary allocations over five years upto 2017, has failed to achieve its intended targets and objectives, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme with an

objective of providing 35 per cent of rural households with water connections and 40 litre of water per person per day is yet to be achieved;

(c) if yes, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct an enquiry into the inefficiencies reported and reassess the contract management component of the programme; and

(e) if yes, the details thereof?

District Mineral Foundation

†600. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds contributed in the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) so far under the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) for the mining affected districts in the country, district-wise including Chatra and Latehar districts of Jharkhand;

(b) the details of the areas in which work is being undertaken under PMKKKY across the country;

(c) the details of works completed and under execution in Chatra and Latehar districts of Jharkhand under DMF along with the details of the funds sanctioned and utilised for the purpose;

(d) the role of the State Governments in the implementation of works under DMF;

(e) whether there is any provision of a scheme being proposed by the State Government for a district under DMF and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether funds under DMF are being utilised in State Government schemes in certain districts and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(g) the agency responsible for the identification, implementation and monitoring of works under DMF; and

(h) whether funds under DMF are not being utilised within the stipulated time in certain districts resulting in delay in the release of next installment and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway

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

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of Bengaluru-Chennai Greenfield Expressway Project, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of land acquisition for the Bengaluru-Chennai Greenfield Expressway, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the project and when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the amount allocated and spent on the project till date since its inception?

Expenditure Incurred on Advertisements

†602. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Union Government on advertisements through print media, electronic media, advertisement-boards and other types of media including social media during the last four years and the current year, department-wise;

(b) whether any study or assessment has been made to find out utility of these advertisements and benefits accrued thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the advertising agencies which are empanelled for the above purpose; and

(e) the names of such agencies alongwith the details of payments made during the last four years by the Union Government?

Sanitation Targets under SBM

603. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 732 million people in the country still defecate in the open or in unsafe and unhygienic toilets, even after the launch of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (Clean India Mission);

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

(c) whether SBM has generated significant interest in addressing the urgent sanitation issue in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has set target of 100% open-defecation free India;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the names of the States who are lagging behind to achieve the target; and

(h) the remedial measures taken by the Union Government to achieve the target?

Centre and State Share in Irrigation Projects

604. 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 basis of Centre and State share in irrigation projects of the country; and

(b) the basis of reducing Centre share from 90% to 60% for projects in special category areas like KBK in Odisha?

Promotion of Sports among Rural Youth

†605. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy or started any

programme for promotion of sports among the rural youth in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the achievements made in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to start any such programme to increase participation of the rural youth in sports?

Inter-linking of Rivers

†606. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

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

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

(a) the current status of inter-linking of river project;

(b) whether the work is going on thereunder;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time in years by which the project is likely to be completed including the expenditure time to be incurred thereon; and

(d) whether any assessment has been made with respect to benefits and losses of this project and if so, the details thereof?

Share of States in Development of Textile Industry

607. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has evaluated the share of various States

including Gujarat in development of textiles industry/sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken/to be taken by the Union Government to boost textiles sector in the country and to compete it with foreign countries along with cooperation sought from international countries' players in this regard;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to restructure its textile policies to achieve growth target rate set for the sector in coming years; and

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

SBM and World Toilet Day

608. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)-(SBM-G) has celebrated the World Toilet Day in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of mass awareness and mobilization activities organized across States and districts;

(d) whether the Government has also organized Swachh Bharat World Toilet Day Contest among all districts of the country;

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government for promotion of boxing sports in the country?

Revamping of Kolkata Port and Haldia Dock

610. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is preparing a plan to invest and revamp Kolkata port and Haldia dock to boost industrial and commercial business in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Work on Varanasi-Haldia Stretch of National Waterway-I

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

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Varanasi-Haldia stretch on National Waterway-I passing through river Ganga has been started and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether cost of inland water transport is three times less than that of road or air transport and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to ensure the smooth movement of cargo/passenger ships on river Ganga and all other waterways by restoring the water depth wherever it has reduced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

(e) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(f) the achievement made so far by SBM since its inception in rural sanitation coverage; and

(g) the number of States/UTs that have declared themselves free from open defecation and the other steps taken by the Government to make remaining States free from open defecation?

Promotion of Boxing Sport

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

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India hosted Women's World Boxing Championships at New Delhi recently and if so, the details thereof along with the number of medals won by India in the event;

(b) the details of federations/bodies responsible for the administration and promotion of boxing in the country;

(c) whether boxing sport has been severely affected by disputes/problems in various federations/bodies responsible for administration/promotion of boxing;

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to streamline the boxing administration and restore its credibility; and

Inefficiency in Road Transport and Quality of Roads

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

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mission of the Road Transport and Highways Ministry is to build high-quality roads at low costs;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that ageing infrastructure, road congestion, growth in heavy vehicle traffic and insufficient maintenance has rendered the road transport inefficient in the country and if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether dedicated research and development efforts are needed in the theme areas such as development of smart materials, innovative design and maintenance technologies and if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to meet the challenges of developing long-lasting, low-maintenance pavements?

Promotion of Sports

613. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any programme to support students of economically weaker backgrounds for taking up sports and represent India at international events;

(b) whether sports is being encouraged at school level in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up sports complex and sporting hubs in the State of Andhra Pradesh for promotion of Olympic Sports and if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of Physiotherapists

614. DR. TAPAS MANDAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Physiotherapists employed in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and its other allied offices and autonomous organisations at present;

(b) the details of recruitment rules and procedure adopted to for Physiotherapists in these organisations;

(c) whether these recruitment rules and procedure are being implemented uniformly for the said recruitment in these organisations;

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

(e) the details of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission with regard to the Physiotherapists and the scale of pay given to them by the Ministry at the entry level?

Funds for Schemes

615. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released to the State of Andhra Pradesh for the last four years under various schemes of the non-renewable energy; and

(b) the details of the various stages on the implementation of the schemes?

Terms of Contract under UDAN Scheme

616. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being undertaken to ensure that airlines do not back out after being granted the contracts under UDAN scheme;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any measures for ensuring Centre-State cooperation while implementing UDAN scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Non-operation of Flights in operational Airports

- †617. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports operating without any flight at present in the country;

(b) the loss of revenue to the Government due to non-operation of flights;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to operationalise all the airports during the last four years;

(d) whether any concrete system has been chalked out by the Government to coordinate with various State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Mechanism to Check Illegal Sand Mining

618. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to check and control illegal sand mining in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of nodal officers, location-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the mechanism to register complaints in such cases across the country?

New Material/New Technology for Use on NH

619. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI MALYADRI
SRIRAM:
SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre had issued any guidelines for laying roads with shredded/waste plastics and other type of waste materials, if so, what is the status of this, in detail;

(b) the details of the States using shredded plastics and the length of road laid so far, in detail; and

(c) whether this process is cost effective and also has a longer life and the measures being taken to promote this, in detail?

International Film Festival

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

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has hosted 49th International Film Festival in Goa recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of films from different countries that was screened in the festival along with the focus country in the festival;

(c) the number of Indian feature films and non feature films screened during the festival;

(d) whether certain movies have been excluded from the festival by the Indian

Panorama Jury at the International Film Festival of India, 2018;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for exclusion of those movies from the festival and the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(f) whether this festival has helped Indian Cinema to reach other parts of the World and if so, the details thereof?

Direct International Flight from Bhubaneswar

621. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide direct International flights from Bhubaneswar Biju Patnaik International Airport to Sri Lanka, Dubai and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is considering to relax the norms relating to bilateral rights for foreign airlines, so that they can operate direct flights to Dubai from International Airport at Bhubaneswar;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government will extend visa on arrival facility at Biju Patnaik International Airport in Odisha; and

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

Condition of Toll NHs and Toll Collection Plan

622. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan for stopping toll collections in view of the deteriorating condition of various National Highways throughout the country; and

(b) if not, the measures being taken to ensure that toll roads are at least, fit to travel?

Participation of Youth in Sports

- †623. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data regarding the number of youth of tribal areas who participated in various sports competitions in the country during the last three years is available with the Government;

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

(c) the details of special schemes implemented for identifying and nurturing talented youth/sportspersons from the rural areas of the country particularly from the tribal areas of Rajasthan; and

(d) the details of funds utilised on training provided to such youth during the said period along with the number of youth benefited as a result thereof?

Investment in NRE Sector

624. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign and domestic investment in the New and Renewable Energy (NRE) sector in the country during the last four years and the current year, country and State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to attract investments from both within the country and overseas with a view to add additional power and to meet the target set for generation of power through renewable energy sources;

(c) whether any consultation has been held with the Ministry of Finance for providing certain additional incentives to this sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the private sector companies that are partnering with Government and co-investing in R&D and technology development?

Women Participation under MGNREGS

625. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether women employment rate under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has increased or decreased over the last few years in rural areas and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the number of women workers who were provided employment under the said scheme during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide non-transient/stable jobs to women workers to increase women participation under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Power Crisis

626. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any energy-crisis in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether power producers sit on thousands of megawatts of underutilized capacities and are facing insolvency proceedings and the consumers are facing power cuts and load shedding, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the major problems faced by the power producers and remedial measures being taken to solve the problems; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to solve the major problems faced by the power producers?

India's Civil Aviation Market

627. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had become the 9th largest Civil Aviation market in the world and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether at present Civil Aviation Sector is on the verge of collapse due to accumulated losses of the sector and employees have not been paid their salaries and other dues;

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

(d) if so, whether the aviation industry has submitted their charter of demands including high fuel costs, taxation policy in the sector etc.; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the financial health of the Civil Aviation Sector?

National Social Assistance Programme

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

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of beneficiaries registered under various social schemes being run under the Ministry including National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), till date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether only 50% poor have been seeded with Aadhaar to avail benefit under

various social schemes run by the Ministry and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry has written to all States to get all the beneficiaries seeded with Aadhaar;

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

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to extend benefit of social schemes run by the Ministry to all poor people of the country?

Allocation of Funds for RGNIYD

629. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) to conduct various skill training programmes, job placements and construction works in RGNIYD campus; and

(b) the present status of progress made in the cases against RGNIYD officials which are under investigation by CBI?

Road Accident

630. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of people that are killed in road accidents including cyclists/pedestrians every year across the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat, West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb these accidents;

(c) whether the Government has set any target to reduce the number of road deaths within the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is issuing new safety standards for the automobiles along with eliminating the black spots on National Highways, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any action plan to promote use of bicycles in urban areas of the country and construct bicycle tracks along the roads and if so, the details thereof?

Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

631. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) is under implementation across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of works to be taken up; and

(c) the progress of the Mission as on date including clusters identified and approved, State/UT-wise?

India's Low Air Safety Oversight Score

632. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:
SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:
SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Passengers Association of India has expressed concerned over India's low air safety oversight score which is lower than that of Myanmar, Bangladesh, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and North Korea in the Asia Pacific region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the report prepared by the International Civil Association Organisation (ICAO) shows that the only countries that rank below India are Papua, New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, etc.;

(d) the measures taken by the Government of India to improve air safety in the country; and

(e) when was the latest ICAO Safety Audit conducted in India and what were the major findings?

Condition of Golden-Quadrilateral

633. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a safety study conducted by World Bank and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has stated that thirty per cent of Delhi-Mumbai and half of the Mumbai-Chennai stretches of the Golden-Quadrilateral is unsafe for cars, buses and trucks;

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

(c) the main findings of the said study along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the total length of the National Highways to be constructed under the Golden-Quadrilateral Project along with the details of NHs constructed so far; and

(e) the details of the funds provided by the Government for the said project along with its utilization reported so far?

Damage of NH in Kerala and other Southern States due to Flood

634. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that most of the roads in Kerala and the Southern States damaged due to

the unprecedented heavy rains and landslides recently;

(b) whether the Government is planning to give any special package for the repair/construction of the roads in the flood affected area;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any new National Highway work has been started/is going to start in Kerala, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has assessed the quantum of damage and given any financial or technical assistance to reconstruct NHs in the State?

Loss Making Air India

635. SHRIMATI SAJDA
AHMED:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to improve the economic condition of loss making Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would consider leasing out Air India to an Indian/foreign/joint venture operator instead of pumping in more money into the loss making national carrier; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Road Accident due to Potholes

636. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:
SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the accidents and deaths caused due to potholes on roads, along with the State-wise data for last two years; and

(b) whether the Government has facilitated a central platform where the public can report the potholes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Red Eye Flight on Domestic Route

- †637. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has decided to introduce cheap red eye flights on domestic routes;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to start the red eye flight on Gaya and Patna airports of Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether any time limit has been fixed to start the red-eye flights in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NH in Uttar Pradesh

- †638. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any announcement has been made or proposed to be made to develop roads on NH in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years along with the number of roads to be developed as NH;

(b) the names and length of these highways;

(c) the total stretch of these highways where work has been completed;

(d) whether the said work is being executed in a planned manner; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Operational Airports including
Gujarat**

639. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of operational airports in the country including Gujarat;

(b) the details of facilities being provided to passengers at these airports;

(c) whether the Government is considering to further upgrade these facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be completed?

**Quality Service to
Air Passengers**

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received numerous complaints from air passengers regarding the poor quality of services provided by airlines;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has evolved any systematic process for registering grievances and redressing them, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to rank its airlines based on the quality of services they provide to flyers;

(e) whether the Government is in the process of launching the next version of the portal Air Sewa 3.0 in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to provide quality services to air passengers?

**Safety Audit
by DGCA**

641. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. SHASHI THAROOR:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted the annual safety audit of all airlines, if so, the details thereof along with the shortcoming noticed during the said safety audit, airline-wise;

(b) whether the Government has rectified the shortcomings noticed during the earlier annual survey conducted by DGCA;

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

(d) whether certain airlines have requested for specific revival package to overcome financial turbulence;

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

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure air safety?

**Access to Safe Drinking Water in
Gram Panchayats**

†642. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in the country where safe drinking water (filtered water) has been provided during the last three years and the current year along with the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the status and number of such villages or Gram Panchayats in the country where safe drinking water is not available at present, State-wise;

(c) whether there are such villages or Gram Panchayats in the country where even water is not available; and

(d) if so, the details of such villages, State-wise?

International Air Service Agreements

†643. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the countries with which Air Service Agreements have been signed during the last three years in order to enhance air connectivity; and

(b) the details of the terms and conditions of the said agreements?

Aquifer Mapping

644. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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 initiated the National Aquifer Management Programme and if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) the total area selected for aquifer mapping, State-wise;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for the implementation of the programme since its inception, year-wise;

(d) the timeframe fixed by which aquifer mapping and management plans are expected to be completed; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the pace of implementation of the said Programme?

Increasing Load on NHs

†645. 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 has taken cognizance of the fact that pressure on the highways is continuously increasing in the country;

(b) whether the Government has taken any special measures to tackle this increasing pressure;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any agreement has been signed with various technology industry groups for the maintenance of the highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Flood Control

646. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

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

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

(a) whether various parts of the country have recently been affected by floods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of life and property lost, population displaced and financial assistance provided to such States during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for flood control and management in the country?

UDAN Scheme and Economic Development

647. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN: SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL: SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH: ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme launched by the Government;

(b) the details of projects completed and ongoing projects, State-wise;

(c) whether the scheme opens up new vistas of economic development and also provides ample opportunities for tourism industry as it solves the connectivity issues;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of income generated under the scheme till date since its inception?

Rural Cleanliness Rankings

648. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to rank rural cleanliness of all States and districts on basis of qualitative and quantitative evaluation regularly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has published any such rankings till date;

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

(e) whether the Government has any package for States with low rankings; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

World Toilet Day

649. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN: SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

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

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has celebrated the World Toilet Day recently;

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

(c) the programmes/events organized by the Government on this occasion;

(d) the number of villages and districts that have been declared and that still remain to be declared as free from open defecation so far, State/UT-wise;

(e) the number of villages and districts that are still practicing open defecation so far, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to built toilets in each and every household in the country?

Construction of New International Airport in Maharashtra

†650. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any announcement has been made or if there is any proposal for construction of new international airport in Maharashtra;

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

(c) the details of steps taken for construction of said new international airport and to make said airport operational?

Ring Road Project in Ranchi

†651. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of ring road in Ranchi has been going on for several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Jharkhand Government has given proposal for early completion of the said project, if so, the details thereof and the dates on which these proposals were received; and

(d) the action taken so far by the Government on these proposals?

Investment in Advertisements

652. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is investing huge amount for advertisements to all media, both print and electronics in the country through Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total investment in advertisement to electronic and print media since 2014-15, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the advertisements payment cleared by the Government against the bills of media therein, year-wise and State-wise?

Solar Installation

653. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the solar installations in India plunged from 525 to 1,599 MW during April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that this is mainly due to uncertainties around tare case and module price fluctuations, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the installations during the quarter under review were down nearly 21% in comparison to installed in corresponding quarter of 2017, if so, the details thereof?

Nehru Yuva Kendra

654. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI
TEACHER:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) functioning in the State of Kerala at present, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of NYKs in the State; and

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

Upgradation of Roads under PMGSY

655. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned the roads and upgradation of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria used in this regard; and

(c) the length of roads which would be constructed and upgraded along with the funds that have been issued to the State Government for the said purpose?

Business Potential in NRE Sector

656. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether renewable energy sector in India offers significant business potential to the tune of US \$ 70-80 billion to both domestic and international investors, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is targeting 40 per cent of electricity generation from non-fossil fuel based resources by 2030 as it looks to tap vast solar and wind potential to replace reliance on polluting coal to meet its energy needs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 50 GW of renewable energy will be soon added to existing capacity in India and non-hydro renewable will contribute 20 per cent of total energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Sale of Handloom Products

†657. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal/any scheme with regard to sale of the items produced by handloom weavers, if so, the details thereof along with the names of the cities where sale centres have been set up in Bihar; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Clean Energy in Tamil Nadu

658. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any new proposal to remove bottlenecks, especially over the frequency-linked penalty and compensation charges for

power from Central generation since Tamil Nadu had proposed to increase the production of clean energy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under the pro-poor programme of Saubhagya Ujala Scheme (LED LIGHTS) pertaining six assembly segments, namely Thanjavur, Orathanadu, Pattukkottai, Peravurani, Thiruvaiyaru and Mannargudi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Toll Collection in Tamil Nadu

659. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue generated through each of the Toll Gates in Tamil Nadu has increased in the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, toll gate-wise and operator-wise;

(c) the total revenue generated in the last five years through toll collection in various National Highways in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for the termination of toll gates in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

Status of Sanitation Schemes

660. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the claim that 84% of rural areas of the country covered with sanitation as of May, 2018 is correct;

(b) whether there is a huge unspent balance during 2018-19 (Rs. 9,890 crore) in States like AP, Bihar, MP, Odisha and UP;

(c) if so, the status of expenditure as of December, 2018, State-wise;

(d) whether any social audit has been done by the Ministry to look at the performance of the schemes under which sanitation is taken up; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

National Service Scheme

†661. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of student volunteers prescribed for enrolment under the National Service Scheme in Jharkhand at present;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Jharkhand to increase the said number; and

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

Review of Airworthiness Certification

662. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent unexpected crash of a fairly new Boeing 737 Max 8 plane in the stable of the Indonesian Airline Lion Air killing all on board was due to the defects, niggles and glitches in the aircraft that resulted in auto-drive situation;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that the legal heirs of the deceased passengers have instituted legal proceedings against the Boeing company over the defective in-flight safety equipment provided in the aircraft that resulted in the crash, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other international carriers have also found fault with the instrumentation provided in the aircraft as defective;

(d) whether any Indian Airline company is also operating Boeing 737 Max 8 in its fleet, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any proactive steps have been taken by the DGCA to ensure the safety of the passengers travelling in it post the crash of the Indonesian aircraft, if so, the details thereof?

Reviewing of Functioning of Toilets under SBM

663. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures taken to review the functioning and usage of the toilets constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) whether the success of the SBM (Grameen) is measured only in terms of

achievement of physical targets *i.e.* building toilets while disregarding the lack of behavioural changes;

(c) whether steps have been taken to provide protection from exploitation to the manual scavengers who are deployed to clean the newly built toilets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Computerisation of Panchayats

664. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computerised Gram Panchayats in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to be computerised, State/UT-wise;

(c) the reasons for slow progress in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to accelerate the pace of computerisation of Gram Panchayats?

East-West Corridor Project in Assam

665. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current status of the East-West Corridor project in Assam, particularly in the districts of Cachar and Dima Hasao;

(b) the year-wise funds allocated, funds released and funds utilised on the project from 2014 to 2018;

(c) whether there is any cost over-run for completion of the projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the tentative date of completion of the project?

Shortage of Iron Ore

666. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the delays in renewal of expired mining leases and lack of efficient exploration methods are likely to create severe crisis/shortfall of iron ore production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the said projected severe crisis/shortfall?

Schemes for Upgradation of Roads into NHs

667. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes under which highways, access roads and roads in rural areas are being upgraded/developed by the Government;

(b) the details of target and achievement for construction of NHs during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the important steps taken by the Government to expedite completion of these projects and to make the construction of these projects hassle free?

Rural Road Connectivity

†668. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the existence of railway track in between both side of roads and absence of unmanned/manned railway crossing or rail under bridge on it, the villages have not been connected with roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide additional funds for the construction of rail under bridges/rail over bridges to facilitate villages deprived of such roads constructed under the PMGSY;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Panchayat Bhawans

†669. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayat Bhawans constructed in various States/UTs during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats still without Panchayat Bhawan in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated to the States/UTs for construction of Panchayat Bhawans during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the availability of Panchayat Bhawan to each Gram Panchayat in the country?

Services of NIS trained Coaches

†670. PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to engage the National Institute of Sports (NIS) trained coaches for various Central and State level schemes in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish any sports academy in Madhya Pradesh for promotion of sports among boys and girls particularly those belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government provides funds to State Governments for the management of sports academies and if so, the details thereof indicating the ratio of share?

Ram Vana-Gaman Marg

†671. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to construct 'Ram Vana-Gaman' Marg from Ayodhya to Chitrakoot;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which construction of said Marg is likely to be started?

Separate Toll Plazas for VIPs

672. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for providing a separate lane at toll plazas for VIPs as per the directions of Madras High Court few months back and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the VIPs who can use this separate lane;

(c) whether any notification has been issued in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the notification would be issued?

DPR for Delhi-Jaipur Expressway

†673. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received DPR of Delhi-Jaipur Expressway from Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the reasons for not according top priority to the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway by preparing DPR of the above said route; and

(c) the time by which the construction of the Expressway is likely to begin?

Status of Toilet Construction, Drainage and Rural Sanitation

674. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of functional toilets constructed in the last four years;

(b) the major projects undertaken by the Government in rural areas with regard to drainage and rural sanitation in the last four years; and

(c) the major activities that have been carried out in association with voluntary agencies on rural water supply and sanitation and if so, the details thereof?

Modifications in Group Workshed Scheme

675. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has modified the existing Group Workshed Scheme for decentralized powerloom sector to organise powerloom units in a cluster and provide improved working condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of powerloom industry benefited under this scheme for the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the total amount released and spent by the Government under this scheme for the last three years?

Bacterial Bioremediation Technique for Ganga River Cleaning

676. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

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 quantum of funds provided for cleaning of Ganga river along with the success achieved therein so far;

(b) whether the Government proposes to utilise bacterial bioremediation technique for timely completion of Ganga river cleaning project;

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

(d) whether the side effects/damage possible by deployment of new technique have been considered before its use; and

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

Air Fare in Gulf Kerala Sector

677. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the hike in the air fares in the Gulf-Kerala sector;

(b) if so, whether the Government will direct Air India to operate more services and increase seats in this sector in the festival season to provide relief to passengers; and

(c) whether the Government will convene a meeting of representatives of airline companies to address the issue in a comprehensive manner?

Agreement with Google for Flood Management

†678. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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 damage caused by floods across the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Google

company to make flood management more effective; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bharat New Vehicle Assessment Safety Programme

679. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Bharat New Vehicle Assessment Safety Programme and the implementation of the same in all States;

(b) whether all new manufactured cars in India are subjected to the crash tests, if so, whether the mandatory crash test leads to increase in the market price of the car;

(c) whether the crash test is conducted by the car manufacturers themselves or in a Government owned or funded facility; and

(d) whether the number of advanced car safety requirements like autonomous emergency braking, reverse cameras, alcohol interlock installation device etc. announced by the European Union are likely to be introduced in India to improve road safety?

Pico-Level Electricity

680. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote pico-level electricity generation projects from renewable sources of energy in rural areas;

(b) whether the Government provide, or intend to provide, subsidies or interest-free credit to households for generation of electricity from renewable sources, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of micro and small level projects initiated in both, urban and rural areas, of electricity generation from organic waste through the use of biogas?

Renaming of Sports Authority of India

681. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to rename the Sports Authority of India as Sports India;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure transparency in the selection of players to represent the country in various international sports events; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Beneficiaries covered under PMAY

682. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses allotted to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) during each of the last five years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of functioning of monitoring mechanism at different levels to ensure that the targeted categories of people get benefits under the said scheme; and

(c) the details of targets and achievements made thereunder in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years?

China-made Solar Cells

683. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China-made solar cells and channels are much cheaper than Indian ones, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether Indian industry favour Chinese solar goods than Indian on the plea of being cheaper and high quality, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian solar panel and cells manufacturing industry is dying a slow death and many have closed down their production, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Industry has asked the Government to put an anti-dumping duty on cells and panels imported from China, US, Taiwan and other countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to save the domestic solar cells and channels manufacturers?

Construction of Over-Bridges on NHs

†684. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases regarding construction of over-bridges at the National Highways of East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand pending with the Union Government at present;

(b) the names of places to which these cases are related to; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government for quick disposal of the pending cases?

Problems faced by Textile Industry

685. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of textile companies which have defaulted in making payments to banks have increased recently, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there has been a sharp decline in drawback benefits available to the textile companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether uncertainty in the price of raw materials, lack of infrastructure and recession is rendering Indian textile companies less competitiveness, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Solar Energy Corporation

686. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Solar Energy Corporation of India and Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency have contributed US\$ 1 million each for the corpus fund of the Indian Solar Alliance, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government will offer ISA membership proposal to all member countries of the United Nations, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has organised a global renewable energy investment meet and expo in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by the Government in the said event?

Royalty Rates of Minerals

†687. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of royalty rates of various minerals at present and the year in which these rates were last revised;

(b) whether several mineral rich States including Chhattisgarh have requested the Government to increase the existing royalty rates;

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

(d) the reasons for delay in revision of royalty rates; and

(e) the time by which these rates are likely to be revised and made effective?

Green Buildings

688. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a study jointly conducted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy found that less than 2 per cent of buildings in India are green buildings, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the number of publically owned buildings that utilize renewable energy in any capacity, State-wise especially for Punjab;

(c) the steps that have been taken to increase awareness of the positive effects of energy efficient buildings; and

(d) whether any regulations/policy document have been created to incentivize greener buildings, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

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Issues before International Aviation Summit

689. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the issues that were deliberated upon in the International Aviation Summit that was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) the details of some of the best practices and innovative approaches that were shared with regard to sustainable aviation growth; and

(c) whether it is true that the Ministry is working towards a policy for making India a hub for cargo?

Utilisation of Funds

†690. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to enhance the standard of sports in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the said funds have properly been utilised for development of sports infrastructure in the country; and

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

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Secretary General

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