

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

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Agreements for Development Policy Loan

†2531. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government, the Government of Rajasthan and the World Bank have signed an agreement of 250 million dollar Development Policy Loan (DPL) for improving the performance of power distribution sector under the 24x7 power for all programmes in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the original draft of the said agreement;

(c) whether the Union Government, World Bank and other States have also

signed any agreements under 24x7 power for all programmes; and

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

Encroachment on Reserved Land

2532. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different categories of reserved land in the country;

(b) the areas under the different categories of reserved land in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the reserved land areas occupied by illegal encroachers as on date in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has decided to evict these illegal encroachers out of the reserved land and if so, the details thereof along with the present

progress in eviction of these illegal dwellers across the country, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to rehabilitate these illegal dwellers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Direction on Public-Funded Advertisements

2533. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is opposed to or in favour of the idea of advancement of political career of public personages out of the Government advertising campaigns carried out with the public funds and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any policy guidelines for the follow-up action of various Government Departments pursuant to the issue before the Supreme Court as to the use of publicly funded Government advertising campaigns as *de facto* political advertising canvas which are said to be violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued any advisory in this regard for the States to follow; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cleanliness of Beaches under SBM

2534. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated a programme aimed at generating a change in public awareness of the importance of beach and coastal cleanliness under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names and number of beaches in the coastal areas of the country, State-wise, especially Maharashtra and the current status of the programme; and

(c) the funds spent towards cleanliness of beaches during each of the last five years, State/beach-wise?

Impact of Floods

2535. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

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 of the strange phenomenon in Kerala where the rivers which were overflowing during the days of the flood are now getting dried up and their water levels have decreased abnormally;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the floods in the topography and river bodies of Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide any long term solution to the issues of surface soil erosion along with related casualties at riverbed and if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Computerisation of Panchayats

2536. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Group on information technology programmes of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has recommended the computerisation of all the panchayats in the country within a stipulated time frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government on these recommendations and the expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the manner in which the required funds are likely to be generated for the purpose?

Norms for Cable Operators

2537. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has framed up new rules and regulations for the cable operators and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to adopt the Digital Addressable Cable TV System (DAS) as applicable earlier which is in 4 Category (Metro City, Medium Town, Small Town and Villages) under the new norms/tariff framed up;

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

(d) whether the new norms framed up can be economically feasible for the last elements of the society to avail the entertainment through TV; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Geothermal Power Generation

†2538. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the potential of Geothermal Power generation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken studies in the Puga Valley region of Ladakh in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Plant Load Factor

2539. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average plant load factor of the country was less than 65% recently and if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the efficiency of our coal-based power plants;

(c) the number of power plants in the country having atleast a plant load factor of 95% or more;

(d) whether one of the reasons for the low utilisation of power is that State-owned power companies are tied up in contractual disputes; and

(e) if so, the amount of money tied up in these disputes?

Role of SBM in Women Empowerment

2540. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has empowered women in the country;

(b) if so, the manner in which the SBM has helped the empowerment of women;

(c) whether the women were actively involved in SBM; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Role of SBM in National Cleanliness

2541. SHRI G.M.

SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the scope of national cleanliness in terms of rural and urban population/areas at present and the annual increase thereof during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the percentage of population compelled to go for open defecation in rural and urban areas owing to shortage of resources at present;

(c) the number of toilets constructed in the country under Swachh Bharat Mission so far, State-wise; and

(d) the expenditure incurred during the last three years for creating maximum awareness among people towards use of toilets for sanitation?

New Airport Terminal at Tiruchi

2542. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to construct a new airport terminal at Tiruchi in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the new airport terminal will be completed and made functional;

(d) the total budget for the said project; and

(e) the funds earmarked and released during the current financial year for the project, if any?

NHs in Shimoga

2543. SHRI B.Y.

RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has declared any new National Highways in Shimoga Parliamentary Constituency in 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of upgradation of NH-206 from Tumkur to Shivamoga and construction of Road Over-Bridge and Road Under-Bridge on NH-206 between

Bhadravathi to Talaguppa and on NH-13 near Vidyanagar railway station;

(c) the action taken by the Government for the maintenance of newly declared National Highways in Shimoga constituency;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has received the DPR for the maintenance of the above said National Highways; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the likely date the maintenance work will begin?

Setting up of Film University

2544. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:
SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Film City or Film University in Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any such proposals have been received from certain State Governments/UTs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultations have been started by opening of such Film City or Film University with the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode; and

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

Privatisation of Thiruvananthapuram Airport

2545. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has approved the proposal for implementation of Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for operation, management and development of Thiruvananthapuram International Airport;

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

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Government to reconsider the decision and allow forming an SPV to take over and run this airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Incidents of Plane Overshooting Runway

2546. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of planes overshooting the runway has become a regular phenomenon in many airports in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such incidents reported during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government has directed the airlines and the airport authorities to take appropriate action in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Urban Haats in Bihar and Maharashtra

†2547. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban handloom/handicrafts haats functioning in Bihar and Maharashtra at present, location-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more urban handloom/handicrafts haats in Bihar and Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the location-wise details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose, if any?

Security in Airports

2548. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the agency responsible for providing security in airports in the country;

(b) the amount incurred for providing security in airports during the last three years and the current year, airport-wise;

(c) whether security in certain airports in the country are provided by forces other than the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the security and protection of such airports;

(d) whether Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has laid down mandate for deployment of security forces at airports for providing security there;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether CISF has submitted any report to enhance security of airports across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to expand security features in the existing airports in view of increasing number of passengers?

Remote Village Electrification Programme

2549. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Remote Village Electrification Programme (RVEP);

(b) the total villages covered under this programme when it was introduced, State/UT-wise;

(c) the reasons for the discontinuation of this programme; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to introduce a similar programme in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

Power Generation from Renewable Sources

†2550. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power generated from renewable sources during the last one year;

(b) the average cost of power generation from the solar and wind energy sources;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of solar and wind energy sources in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand; and

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

Termination of Contracts by NHAI

2551. SHRI OM BIRLA:

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 asked the Government to terminate contracts for certain road projects in last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government is likely to rebid these projects and if so, the details thereof?

Assistance for Ground Water Monitoring

†2552. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial and technological assistance to States for conducting survey, monitoring and increasing ground water level;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the extent of the said assistance provided during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned any proposals for exploration of ground water in hilly areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated and released for the said purpose, State-wise and the details of work undertaken in this regard?

Status of PMAY-G in Assam

2553. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses built under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last four years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of houses sanctioned, completed and pending under the said scheme in Assam during the said period, year-wise and District-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised during the said period in Assam, year-wise and District-wise?

Textile and Handicraft Policy

2554. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any Textile and Handicraft Policy during the last three years and if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up any textile and handicraft clusters at various places to boost textile and handicraft industries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a big cloth/textile market in Agartala and Tripura cities;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to boost textile/cloth industries in Agartala and Tripura cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue by Aviation Sector

2555. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue earned by the Government through aviation sector during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the revenue earned by the Government during the said period is not at par with the growth registered by the aviation sector; and

(c) if so, the reformative measures taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

UDAN Scheme in Hilly Areas

2556. SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started UDAN scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme has provision for Heliports in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Hilly areas have been given priority in this scheme?

Misleading Advertisements in Media

2557. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the misleading advertisements in different medias of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaint against such campaigns and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the role and evaluation report of the Advertising Standard Council of India (ASCI) on the said issue, if any; and

(d) the proposals and the directions of the Government in this regard?

NH Construction

2558. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last four and a half years, 38,000 kms has been added to the National Highway (NH) network to expand the total length to 1.29 lakh kms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has given in principle approval to another 54,000 kms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

IPDS Scheme

†2559. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give clearance to Rajasthan on priority basis for financial aid for the test of combined effluent treatment plants for zero liquid discharge under the Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

Power Trading

2560. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत् मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether spot power trading at the India Energy Exchange has been increasing steadily;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to bring all power purchase agreements under the India Energy Exchange; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funding and Progress of SBM

†2561. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) (SBM-G) during the last one year in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has released first installment of Central assistance for annual plan for the year 2018-19;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the funds are likely to be released;

(d) the current progress of SBM-G; and

(e) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the States to bring improvement therein and if so, the details thereof?

Port Infrastructure Facilities

2562. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed private players in the establishment of ports in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the detailed list of private ports established and to be established in Tamil Nadu along with their capacity for handling of goods with value in INR;

(c) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for enhancing port infrastructure facilities and also to increase the strength capacity of various ports in Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated during the said period for the purpose and the ports constructed/expanded in the State?

Development of Hindon Airbase

2563. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Hindon airbase for commercial flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time frame to begin the operations;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) details about the current status of such projects, so far?

Construction of Brown and Green Field Airports

2564. SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Green field airport projects as proposed are not functional in the country, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of survey undertaken for location of construction of the airports;

(c) the estimated date of completion of construction of the proposed brown field and green field airports; and

(d) the estimated increase in revenue generation once the proposed airports are completed?

Selection of Sportspersons

2565. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sports authorities exercise autonomy in the selection of sportspersons for various games/events;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any special provision to encourage the talented sportspersons belonging to weaker sections for various international sports competitions;

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

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to encourage the sportspersons and upgrade their standards for such competitions?

Saubhagya Scheme

2566. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of target achieved till September 2018, under the Saubhagya scheme, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any State has achieved 100% household electrification and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve 100% household electrification in the country?

Information related to Decision Making Process

2567. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has refused to disclose more than 40% of basic information related to decision-making process and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) has conducted an audit and revealed the above facts and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIC has also ranked various departments of his Ministry on the basis of disclosure of information under RTI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electricity Conservation

2568. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for electricity conservation in day to day domestic and public usage and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to regulate standards on energy efficiency of electric goods and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any programmes/schemes for providing benefits to citizens in return for conservation and efficient usage of electricity and if so, the details thereof?

Audit of District Mineral Foundation

2569. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has issued any directions to the State Governments to complete audit of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has identified some States for poor and slow utilisation of funds under DMF and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has prescribed any time frame for utilisation of funds under DMF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

Gram Parivahan Yojana

†2570. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch Gram Parivahan Yojana to facilitate transport facilities in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether areas have been identified in Rajasthan for implementation of the said yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked for the purpose;

(d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up and develop better public transport facilities in rural areas to complement road infrastructure developed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)?

Release of Funds under PMKSY

2571. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released any funds under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) to Andhra Pradesh for the year 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government is not releasing the required funds to meet the works in the State and if so, the details thereof and reason for the delay; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken to release the said funds in time?

Policy for Solar Power Plants

2572. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any policy for solar power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the solar power system of lowest budget to attract the use of the solar power for domestic residence?

Rural Road Connectivity in Kerala

2573. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all villages in the State of Kerala have been connected through all-weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of villages which are yet to be connected under the said Yojana in the said State; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be connected?

Electricity Generation by NTPC

2574. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has installed capacity of 53651 MW and contributed 23% of total electricity generated in India with 16% share of country's total installed capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the NTPC group has 21 coal based, 7 gas based, 11 solar PV, 1 hydro, 1 small hydro, 1 wind and 9 subsidiaries/joint venture power stations and if so, the details thereof?

Air connectivity in AP

2575. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken/being taken to boost air connectivity in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States;

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

(c) whether the Government is planning to set up new airports in Tier II cities of Telangana State?

Drinking and Sanitation Facilities in Schools

†2576. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target to provide drinking water and sanitation facilities in all schools of the country;

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

(c) the total number of schools in the country along with the number of schools out of there lacking the facilities of drinking water and sanitation, State/UT-wise;

(d) the funds earmarked for providing the said facilities therein; and

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

Solar Energy Generation

†2577. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of total solar power generation in the country at present;

(b) the details of solar power generation during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to improve power generation through renewable energy sources?

Urbanisation and Sanitation Facilities

2578. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN
CHOWDHURY:

SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rapid increase in urbanisation raises concerns over the development of infrastructure services of sewerage and sanitation to serve the urban centres and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government is aware that as per World Health Organisation (WHO) report a dollar spent on sanitation saves nine dollars spent on health, education, and economic development and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the details of sanitation coverage as sanitation includes safe disposal of human waste, waste water management, solid waste management, water supply, control of vector borne diseases, domestic and personal hygiene, food, housing, etc.?

Role of Central and State Government in ODF

2579. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instructed State Governments to implement Swachh Bharat Scheme across the country so as to reduce open defecation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with financial allocation made by the Government for this purpose for the last three years, State-wise?

Highway Capacity Manual

2580. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released the country's first of Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) which sets objective norms for assessing the performance of road and specifying to start their expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the HCM is likely to help in the scientific planning and expansion of road infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of FM Transmitters

†2581. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up 10 KW capacity of FM transmitter at All India Radio, Maharajanj, Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any representations regarding installation of the said transmitter; and

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

Profits of AI Express

2582. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नगर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AI Express has reported a net profit of Rs.262 crore for the financial year 2017-18, down 11% from the previous fiscal's Rs.297 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is the third consecutive year that AI Express has reported a profit; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to expand the services of the AI Express to other destinations as well?

Implementation of PMGSY

2583. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any new guidelines or proposal to implement Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government directly involves with local Member of Parliament to develop local rural roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cross subsidy Charges

2584. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cross-subsidy is being charged on power consumers in different States/UTs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to address the cross-subsidy charged on large power consumers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of long term plans, if any, to remove cross-subsidy system in the country?

Playgrounds in Schools

†2585. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the schools and colleges in the country have playgrounds;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme to provide playgrounds in the schools and colleges in the country which do not have playgrounds; and

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

Administrative Charges for Land Acquisition

2586. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present the States are charging between 6 to 20.5% of the compensation amount for land acquisition as administrative charges from NHAI and Highway Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether States are making profits by levying such high charges;

(d) whether an inter-Ministerial panel has recommended not to levy more than 2.5 to 1% of compensation and other charges by States;

(e) whether States have agreed to this proposal of the Government; and

(f) if so, the such annual charges being paid by NHAI to States and further steps taken/ being taken in this regard?

New Ganderbal Hydroelectric Power Project

2587. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 93 MV New Ganderbal Hydroelectric Power Project work has not started yet;

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

(c) whether despite its allotment to HCC no progress has been made yet; and

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

Impact of Merger of REC with PFC

2588. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME GOWDA:

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to merge the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) with Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it may weaken the financial profile of PFC due to depletion of its cash reserves and an increase in debt taken to fund the acquisition;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for power sector finance companies that are grappling due to power sector woes?

Opening of FM Radio Stations

2589. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding number of FM Radio Stations functioning in the country at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of FM Radio Stations opened during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal pending before the Government for opening of new/more FM Radio Stations in various parts of the country including Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in approval?

Evaluation of NRDWP

2590. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

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) had achieved its target during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of target set and achieved during the last five years;

(d) the details of funds allocated and utilised thereon, State/UTs-wise; and

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

Spot Power Tariff

2591. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spot power tariff have risen to exorbitant level during the last several months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one of the reasons for the same was higher demand and lower supply; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Work Days Guaranteed under MGNREGS

†2592. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employment provided and total expenditure incurred under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to conduct review of number of work days guaranteed under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include more works other than already listed works for employment generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rejuvenation of Rivers

2593. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study/assessment of water resources in Kerala after recent floods and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has noticed any unusual event/phenomenon across rivers/streams across the State after floods;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to allocate funds for rejuvenation of rivers/streams especially river bank protection where heavy damages occurred during recent floods; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

World Bank Aid for Rehabilitation of Dams

2594. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 195 dams are more than 100 years old as per national register of large dams and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether a National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS) comprising of

representatives from State Water Resources Departments (SWRD) and PSUs has been formed by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States were requested to prepare the emergency action plan of each large dam as per guidelines of CWC and if so, the details and the number of such plans prepared by them;

(d) whether the Government is implementing any project with the assistance of World Bank for rehabilitation and improvement of dams in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any guidelines on developing emergency plan for dams have been prepared and circulated to the States for adoption and if so, the details thereof?

Investigations by CPCB and CGWB

2595. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unacceptable amount of Chromium and other pollutants known for causing cancer are found in the ground water of some villages in the country according to the investigations conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB);

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to provide interim facility for safe drinking water in these areas until the issue of contamination is resolved; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place to compensate the people who have

incurred health issues by consuming the contaminated water in these areas and if so, the details thereof?

Web-based Monitoring System under SAGY

2596. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a web-based monitoring system has been established or developed to enable the Members of Parliament and other stakeholders to monitor the developments under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the outputs relating to physical and financial targets have been measured for each quarter and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a mid-term evaluation and post-project evaluation is being conducted through an independent agency; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Usage of Ground Water by Solar-Powered Pumps

2597. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has done evaluation and monitoring of ground water usage resulting from solar-powered pumps and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any evidence of water over-usage is noticed in the areas having good penetration of solar-powered pumps and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to disincentivise such over-usage of water by encouraging alternative uses?

Khelo India Youth Games

2598. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the focus on the Khelo India Youth Games and other schemes like Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) is likely to restrain the Ministry or the Sports Authority of India and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the funds released by the Government under Khelo India scheme and the details of utilisation of such funds by the concerned States during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu and Puducherry;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) and other welfare funds were also being granted aid under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Gobar Dhan Scheme

2599. SHRI MAGANTTI

VENKATESWARA RAO (BABU):

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Gobar Dhan scheme to manage solid and liquid wastes in villages and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the mega watts of energy produced through this scheme during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the funds allocated and spent thereunder, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh during the said period?

Water Budget

2600. SHRI KUNDARIYA

MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of water budget spent on improving the irrigation, drinking water facilities and reservoir capacity during each of the last four years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product spent on improving the irrigation, drinking water facilities and reservoir capacity during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) the percentage of population having access to in-home tapped drinking water, State/UT-wise;

(d) the gap between the demand for water for farming through irrigation and supply irrigation potential in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve availability of water in drought prone areas and areas of water scarcity since 2014, State and year-wise ?

Banking Services to Poor under MGNREGS

2601. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments to spend two percent of the funds allocated under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in providing easy access to banking services to poor in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the State Governments thereto;

(d) whether this initiative will ensure timely payment of wages to beneficiaries under MGNREGS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pending Payments to Media

2602. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether since 2014 the Government has kept pending of payments to media on Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) account;

(b) if so, the details of release of payment thereof since 2014, Sector-wise and Year-wise;

(c) the time by which medias will get their entire billing upto September 2018 therein; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government with concerned departments to release payments thereon?

Emission from Ships

2603. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains any data on the emissions related to the shipping industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including CO₂, NO_x and SO_x emissions and fuel consumption in the shipping sector; and

(c) whether the Government is providing any support for research and development into technologies to reduce emissions from ships and if so, the details thereof?

Clearance of New Power Plants

2604. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the construction of new power plants in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the environmental clearance is a big hurdle for power plants; and

(c) if so, the details of projects pending/delayed due to non-availability of environmental clearances in the country?

Noise Pollution by Bikes

†2605. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether company installed silencers are being replaced/ modified with loud noise producing exhausts by bike owners thereby creating noise pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rules under the Motor Vehicle Act regarding such modifications;

(c) whether certain States have issued any strong warnings to bike owners and started taking action against them under the rules and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is likely to issue any directions to other States also to ensure strict compliance of rules along with police action in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Access to Electricity

2606. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 300 million people in the country do not have access to the electricity grid and are living in complete darkness and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether they live using kerosene lanterns which are extremely harmful to health and often result in huge losses of life and property due to fires and if so, the

details thereof along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard; and

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

Power Tariff

2607. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power tariff touched a decade high of Rs.17.61 per unit in the spot market on September 30, 2018;

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

(c) whether the wind energy suddenly goes down and hydro power also starts declining during this time of the year; and

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

Par-Tapi-Narmada River Link Project

2608. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of proposed Damanganga-Pinjal and Par-Tapi-Narmada River Link Project in Gujarat and Maharashtra under River Link Programme;

(b) whether it is true that Maharashtra has proposed certain amendments and submitted any MoU with proposed changes to the Government;

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

(d) the time by which the matter is likely to be finalised in accordance with the proposed changes as suggested by Maharashtra?

Road Projects

†2609. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

SHRI NARANBHAI

KACHHADIYA:

SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO

SHRI SUMEDHANAND

SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of new road projects approved since 2014 till now along with the number of projects proposed;

(b) the details of the funds allocated for the said new road projects so far; and

(c) the number of new projects inaugurated to improve the condition of roads in the country including Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra along with the details thereof?

Problem Faced by Power Sector

2610. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the problems being faced by the power sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the power sector in the country is gripped by the lack of spending on research and development of renewables and transmission technology;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the funds allocated for the research was used by the Government to finance transition of States to GST; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

E-flow Norms of Ganga River

2611. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain that over extraction of ground water is one of the reasons behind the low level of Ganga river and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures being taken for treatment of sewage water to be used for agriculture purpose;

(c) whether the e-flow norms of Ganga river have been made effective across all project sites and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken to maintain the e-flow of the said river?

Drinking Water Schemes in Tribal Areas

†2612. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state the details and the names of the schemes related to drinking water being implemented by the Government in the tribal dominated areas of Madhya Pradesh, district-wise?

Energy Efficiency

2613. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air-conditioner manufacturers have been directed to regulate default setting of the AC units in order to promote energy efficiency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been carried out by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency in this regard; and

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

Greenfield Airport at Rajkot

2614. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether feasibility study for the proposed site of Greenfield Airport at Rajkot has been carried out by the Airports Authority of India, if so, the finding of the pre-feasibility report;

(b) the details of studies and surveys as well as clearances and NoCs required for the purpose; and

(c) the methodology to be adopted for the Greenfield Airport at Rajkot and whether it will be a Central Government project or Central Government and Government of Gujarat or on PPP mode?

Strengthening of Irrigation System

†2615. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

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

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

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is preparing any action plan for irrigation system and proper utilisation of irrigation in rural and hilly areas of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Low Cost Regional Air Connectivity

2616. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to unveil a policy to encourage low cost regional air connectivity to remote places across the country, if so, the details of the policy;

(b) whether the regional air routes as well as destinations have been identified by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when such policy would be implemented?

Renewable Energy Generation

†2617. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power generated through renewable energy sources during the last year;

(b) the average cost of power generation through solar and wind energy;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the sources of solar and wind energy in Jharkhand; and

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

Use of Data Services in Domestic Flights

2618. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Government is planning to introduce use of data services in domestic flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this data services are making available in domestic flights?

Road Accidents

†2619. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 14,6133 deaths were caused in 2015 due to road accidents, which is more than 14 times the 10,510 deaths resulting from natural disasters in the said period;

(b) if so, whether faulty road design and complex coordination mechanism of Government agencies are the major hindrances in ensuring road safety;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any training policy for officials to enable them to conduct proper and comprehensive investigation of reasons for road accidents;

(e) whether the Government is taking any initiative to strengthen the provisions relating to motor vehicles and make road contractors and consultants accountable for faulty road design and construction;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken for the safety of road users?

Solar/Power Production

2620. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic manufacturers account only around 10 per cent of solar power production in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost the market share of domestic manufacturers;

(c) whether the value of rupee has any effect on the price of setting up of solar plants in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that loans to renewable energy projects do not convert into non-performing assets; and

(e) the number of tenders, with total power-generation capacity for solar power projects floated since 2014 along with the number of tenders that had no successful bidder and the number of tenders that were under-subscribed?

Coastal Erosion

2621. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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 various stretches along the coastal line of Kerala are eroding and creating problems particularly for members of the fishing community;

(b) if so, the specific steps the Government has taken to assist Kerala under the 'Critical anti-erosion works in coastal and other than Ganga basin States' Scheme during the last three years;

Funding under SBM

2624. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds received and utilised under Swachh Bharat Kosh (SBK) which was set up to achieve the objective of Clean India till October 2018; and

(b) the details of works for which funds from Swachh Bharat Kosh can be utilized?

Allocations under NRDWP

†2625. SHRI SANJAY KAKA
PATIL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any provision in regard to increasing the amount under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to provide drinking water to Gram Panchayats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to release the funds direct to NRDWP and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities to Para-athletes

2626. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:
SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH
DEO:

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds thereunder less than that requested by the State since 2014 to till date and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the quantum of the funds requested and allocated during the said period, year-wise?

Development of Bio-Energy

2622. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments along with the achievements made for the development of bio-energy during each of the last three years and the current year?

Electricity to Every Household

†2623. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made under the scheme of providing electricity to every household in the country;

(b) whether the cent percent target of the scheme has been achieved in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any targets have been fixed for ensuring availability of electricity 24x7; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide world class facilities to para-athletes so as to train them for various International competitions including Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games and if so, the details thereof;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure proper lodging facilities including accessible accommodation and dedicated toilets for para-athletes in stadiums and gymnasiums and if so, the details thereof along with the details of other facilities provided to para-athletes; and

(d) whether the Government has made provision for availability of mobility devices in sufficient quantity at stadiums and gymnasiums in the country for para-athletes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of Drinking Water

2627. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Gujarat facing shortage of drinking water; and

(b) the details of deep tube wells that were proposed to be dug and actually dug during in the last three years and current year along with the names of villages under the intensive tube well drilling programme?

Functional Airports in the Country

2628. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports functioning for transporting passengers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of new airports have been made functional for transporting passengers in the country, State-wise in the last five years;

(c) whether the National Civil Aviation policy envisages promotion of regional connectivity by way of PPP; and

(d) the time by which the Paradip airport in Odisha can be connected by air under the existing policy and the details of steps taken by the Government to achieve this objective?

Evaluation of Claims regarding ODF

2629. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have claimed that certain districts under their domain have become Open Defecation Free (ODF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the said claims were found to be incorrect by many authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Service Scheme

†2630. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend or restructure the existing National Service Scheme (NSS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of students under NSS and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any request from certain States particularly Chhattisgarh in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for personality and character development of student/youth through various voluntary community services in the country particularly in the rural areas?

Substandard Material under PMGSY

2631. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the use of substandard materials used in the construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) from various States during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

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

Rain Water Harvesting

†2632. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

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 adequate measures for effective implementation of rain water harvesting programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to different States including Chhattisgarh under the said programmes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the technology being used for rain water harvesting at present;

(d) whether the Government proposes to develop/implement any new technique for rain water harvesting; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Priority of Road Safety

2633. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced the priority of road safety in the country including Assam by ignoring reasonable road safety suggestions from different noted organisations;

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

(c) whether some NGOs are involved in the field of road-safety as a group of external stakeholders of National Highways Authority of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the work taken by these NGOs and the funds allocated and released to these NGOs for the last three years and the current year?

Ground Water Aquifer Mapping

2634. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH
DEO:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aquifer Mapping, as proposed in the Twelfth Five Year Plan has been initiated for obtaining information on ground water quality in each aquifer, its monitoring, extent of contamination and availability of safe aquifers for supply of drinking water and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay and the time by which the proposed plan is to be put into action; and

(c) the details of additional ground water observation wells proposed to be drilled for this purpose, if any?

Rooftop Solar System

2635. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether to boost the use of rooftop solar systems in residential areas, the Government would mandate domestically sourced components which could inspire confidence among potential customers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the biggest issues facing solar power projects in India are getting lost in the overt focus on lower tariffs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the installed capacity of rooftop solar systems in India is so far only 1247 MW out of target of 40GW by 2022 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the reasons for poor adoption of rooftop solar in India is that the tariffs in place do not make business sense for residential rooftop solar system and if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of Sports Facilities

†2636. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that only a small number of the people are able to utilize the services/schemes of various sports facilities in the country;

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

(c) the details and the present status of Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA); and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that more and more people get benefits of the said facilities in the country?

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

†2637. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Panchayats selected under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) in Bihar along with the funds allocated to them;

(b) whether any evaluation has been made regarding the funds allocated to Panchayats and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the role of local Members of Parliament (MPs) has also been assigned under the said abhiyan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Grading System in Sports

†2638. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to introduce grading system on the lines of cricket and wrestling in all other sports also so that the sportspersons from these sports do not have to face any financial crunch in pursuing these sports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Domestic Aircraft Accidents

2639. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic aircraft accidents/incidents in the country have reduced since 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the accidents/incidents over the last few years, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the policy measures taken by the Government to prevent/minimize such incidents/accidents in future?

Women Representatives in PRIs

†2640. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by the Government regarding qualitative changes in the socio-economic condition of women through the increasing participation of women in PRIs;

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

(d) the strategy formulated by the Government to upgrade socio-economic condition of women in the country?

Shortage of Staff in Power Sector

†2641. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated any new action plan collaborating with the State Governments to enhance the man-power in order to overcome shortage of staff in power sector along with improving anomalies in power bills and rectifying faults in power transmission lines;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to increase man-power in order to resolve the problems being faced by consumers at the earliest and if so, the details thereof?

Convergence of Existing Schemes under SPMRM

2642. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects initiated and the funds allocated under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), State/phase-wise;

(b) whether the projects initiated have to be completed within three years as per guidelines and if so, the details of progress of completion of each project;

(c) whether SPMRM allows for convergence of existing schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether only new projects are linked/converged or some cases existing projects are also linked to the SPMRM; and

(e) if so, the details of the linked/converged existing projects separate from the list of new projects, State and Phase-wise?

Water Conservation and Harvesting Schemes

2643. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any schemes for water conservation and harvesting in the villages of backward regions of Odisha particularly in the districts of Nayagarh, Boudh and Kandhamal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop new techniques for water harvesting for agriculture purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Working Capital for Green Energy Projects

2644. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to keep funds flowing for green energy projects by assuring banks and lending institutions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the banks are not extending working capital for more than two months and that too against the assets offered as collateral and not on the receivables and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take up the issue with the concerned banks and if required with the Ministry of finance also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

Swajal Yojana

†2645. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide clean drinking water in villages under Swajal Yojana;

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

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Telecast of Hockey World Cup

2646. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati has signed any MoU for live telecast of the Hockey World Cup; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in this regard, if any?

National Water Awards

2647. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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 recently instituted National Water Awards with the objective to encourage all the stakeholders to manage their water resources efficiently and create water consciousness;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it also seeks to encourage water use efficiency, recycling and reuse of water along with creating awareness through peoples' participation in targeted areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pension to Sarpanch and Councillors

†2648. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give pension to Sarpanch and Councillors on the lines of Ex-MLAs and MPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals/demands in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-linking of Rivers

†2649. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

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

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

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

(b) if so, the details of the ongoing projects in this regard, State/river-wise and the rivers revived so far;

(c) the funds allocated during each of the last three years and the current year for the purpose, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to form a law for checking illegal construction on river banks and indiscriminate exploitation of ground water and for water conservation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Food Allowances to Sportspersons

†2650. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to increase the daily food allowance of sportspersons in order to make them trained and skilled;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the food being provided to sportspersons during the last three years and the current year;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such instances?

Happening Haryana Summit

†2651. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of POWER
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Happening Haryana Summit was held in Gurugram during the month of March, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the participants from the Government side;

(c) whether it was announced to set up a power plant in Haryana with the cost of Rs. 21000 crores during the said summit; and

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

Rating System of TV Programme

2652. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that there are several concerns relating to neutrality and reliability of the existing audience TV programme rating system which need to be reviewed and if so, the details thereof along with the present rating system of the TV programme;

(b) whether the Ministry had sought recommendations for laying down comprehensive guidelines and accreditation mechanism for television rating agencies in India to ensure transparency and accountability in the rating system during the year 2012 and if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recently issued consultation paper to review TV audience measurement and recommended comprehensive guidelines for registration of television rating agencies; and

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

Open Defecation Free Villages

2653. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has declared/certified a large number of villages in several districts across the country as "Open Defecation Free" (ODF) under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether any Central Team has visited certain districts in various States across the country to physically verify the claims made by the State Governments about ODF districts/villages during the past two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of districts and villages in each of the States that still remain out of ODF along with the steps taken by the Union Government to effectively implement SBM across the country?

Public Bi-cycle Sharing System

2654. 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) whether the Government is aware that some State Governments have introduced the Public Bi-cycle Sharing system as it reduces traffic congestion, enhances space efficiency and improves air quality and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is an urgent need to take measures to reduce traffic congestion, enhance space efficiency and improve air

quality all over the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce the said system all over the country; and

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

Promotion of Solar Energy

†2655. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for promoting solar energy in the hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir and rural areas of Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) the funds provided under the said schemes during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government has laid down any provisions for any kind of subsidy for consumption of solar energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Air Service for National Park in MP

†2656. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed any scheme to provide air service to the travellers visiting Kanha National Park in

Balaghat district and Pench National Park in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh;

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

(c) whether a 10 seater charter plane service is proposed to be launched?

National Sports University

2657. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

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 National Sports University at Imphal is still operating from Delhi;

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

(c) whether regular officers including the Vice-Chancellor have been appointed for the University; and

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

Complaints against TV Channels

†2658. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:
SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding broadcasting of the programmes on Doordarshan, private TV channels and news channels which promote witchcraft,

superstition and false religious propaganda during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government against such TV channels during each of the last three years and the current year, channel-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to discourage/check the said programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pollution of Water Resources

2659. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that pollution of the water resources is one of the major reasons for scarcity of safe drinking water and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation for the same and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to initiate projects for conservation of drinking water sources and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the hike in expenditure for the treatment of polluted water for supplying it for drinking water purpose and if so, the details of the study report; and

(e) the initiatives taken by the Government for conservation of water resources for drinking water supply?

Production of Energy from Tidal Waves

2660. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the production of energy from tidal waves in the country *vis-a-vis* other countries;

(b) whether the Government has failed to produce energy from tidal waves in the country despite having huge potential and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether his Ministry through a study has assessed the tidal wave energy potential and its potential tidal locations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has a national policy for developing energy from tidal wave and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government intends to formulate such a policy and if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by

the Government to boost production of tidal energy?

Review of Private Power Plants

†2661. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the condition of private power plants which are debt-ridden;

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

(c) whether the Government is considering to acquire such debt-ridden private power plants and set up a controlling company with the help of NTPC, PFC, REC and Banks and if so, the details thereof; and

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

New Toll Policy

†2662. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing a new toll policy in relation to the toll amount being collected from the users of National Highways in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(c) the extent to which the new policy would reduce the congestion in the Toll Plazas;

(d) whether any proposal is also under consideration on payment of toll on the highways on the basis of distance travelled; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of Households under DDUGJY

2663. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana;

(b) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised thereunder during the last three years and the current year across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(c) the number of households specially in remote areas electrified under this yojana so far along with those still un-electrified;

(d) whether it is upto the set target and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to cover the un-electrified households; and

(e) whether electricity consumption growth has been robust during the last three years and if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand?

Financial Assistance from World Bank for PMGSY

†2664. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial/additional financial assistance availed by the Government from World Bank for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last four years and the current year;

(b) the details of the roads constructed and to be constructed under the said scheme during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has achieved the targets fixed in this regard; and

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

Production of Aluminium

†2665. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of aluminium produced by the aluminium producing units in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the said quantity of aluminium is sufficient to meet the demands in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the production of the same?

Air Sewa

2666. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:
SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to bring any mechanism for control and regulation of additional service cost provided by private airlines;

(b) whether the Digi-Yatra ID has been launched across India under the AirSewa App;

(c) the number of grievances received so far on the AirSewa App and the mechanism adopted for the redressal of these grievances;

(d) whether AirSewa 1.0 could not serve its purpose and public could not register their complaints as reviewed by them on Google Play;

(e) whether any assessment has been carried out regarding the grievance redressal and disposal annually in each State;

(f) if so, the details of the States which registered least percentage of disposal of issues and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken for speedy disposal in such States?

Performance of National Projects

2667. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

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

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

(a) whether only 5 projects out of the 16 sanctioned national projects are being implemented and the rest are yet to commence resulting in nil power generation therefrom;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding works as well as performance of national projects during the last four years and recently developed a Central monitoring system to implement the projects properly and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the percentage of water resources budget spent on augmenting power generation from water resource development projects along with the steps taken/being taken for enhancing power generation therefrom during each of the last four years since 2014, State-wise; and

(e) the time frame fixed for generation of power from each such project along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance efficiency and reduce the cost of projects undertaken in the country since 2014, State/year-wise?

Kanher Project

†2668. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Jharkhand to start construction work of Kanher project in its Garhwa district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cost of project in respect of irrigation, electricity and drinking water, component-wise;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on rehabilitation and settlement works; and

(e) the present status of the project and the expected date of completion of each component?

Status of Rural Development Schemes

2669. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural development schemes being implemented/functional across the country, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir;

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

(c) the present status along with the performance of States during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time frame for the completion of the pending projects under the said schemes; and

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

Inter-connecting of Airports

2670. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been conceived to make India as a global aviation hub;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the UDAN Scheme for connecting tier 2 and 3 airports across the country; and

(d) whether any time table has been drawn to inter-connect the four airports of Kerala under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Arsenic and Fluoride Contaminated Water

†2671. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such States across the country which have been affected by

the presence of fluoride and arsenic substances in drinking water;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide pure drinking water to such States including Jharkhand and Bihar;

(c) whether the Government is providing any special assistance to these States for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the targets fixed for these States/UTs?

Land Acquisition for NHs

†2672. SHRI HARINARAYAN
RAJBHAR:
SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:
SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India Limited has acquired land in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh at present for construction of National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the land acquired by the NHAI and the details of compensation given to people/farmers during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has launched any web utility for land acquisition related processes developed to move towards total e-governance and reduce processing time and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has come up with any innovative financing models and means to mobilize funds from the market and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the land acquisition cost for the National Highway projects in the State of Maharashtra increased during each of the last five years, if so, the details thereof including the land cost per hectare and the expenditure incurred for acquiring land for National Highway projects and total land possessed for the same during the last five years, year-wise and project-wise; and

(f) if so, the reasons for the escalation of the land acquisition cost and the steps taken by the Government to deal with the situation and cost management of the upcoming road projects?

Allocation of Funds for PMAY, PMGSY and MGNREGS

†2673. SHRI RAJENDRA D. GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the target set under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) in Maharashtra;

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

(c) the funds allocated to Maharashtra under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the current financial year, District-wise?

Shortage of Coal Supply

†2674. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electricity generation through thermal power projects is being adversely affected due to shortage of coal supply in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the electricity generation capacity of thermal power projects in the country during March 2017; and

(c) the percentage of production capacity of these projects being utilized to generate electricity during the current year 2018-19?

Removal of Silt from Dams

†2675. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALLAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

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 total number of dams in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether dams get damaged due to deposition of silt and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds spent on removing silt from dams and on their maintenance during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the names of the dams that broke during the said period?

Lift Irrigation Projects

†2676. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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 funds allocated by the Central Water Commission for lift irrigation projects like Gosikhurd, Lower Painganga and Lower Tapi of Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise; and

(b) the progress made in the implementation of lift irrigation projects, project-wise?

Environmental issues due to Highways Construction in Karnataka

2677. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to compensate for the damage caused to the environment by the construction of highways in Karnataka wherein approximately 7.35 lakh trees being felled; and

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka submitted information of how many trees were felled for which Rs. 50,000 was fixed by the NGT?

Bauxite Mining Lease

2678. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 11 Bauxite Mining Lease Applications from Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation which were forwarded to the Union Government in 2012 are under consideration;

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

(c) the time by which these 11 bauxite mining leases are likely to be approved by the Union Government?

Vacant Posts in Doordarshan and Aakashvani

†2679. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in Directorate of Doordarshan and Directorate of Aakashvani as on date, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts including Himalayan States of the country including Uttarakhand;

(c) the progress made in regard to conduct Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for regular promotions by the Ministry; and

(d) the timeframe fixed for the same by the Ministry?

Atal Jyoti Yojana

2680. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set under the Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJY) for installation of street lights in the country; and

(b) the current status of its implementation and achievements made thereunder in the country especially Uttar Pradesh, as on date?

Plugging Loopholes under SBM

2681. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that according to a recent report by Water Aid, households that include people with disability, elderly, women-headed or landless are at least 10 per cent behind the general populace in terms of access to toilets and if so, the details of the measures taken by the Government to specifically focus on those who are getting left behind in Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the details of the measures taken by the Government to track the usage of the toilets constructed under SBM; and

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Government for Solid Liquid Water Management (SLWM) for toilets constructed under SBM to avoid potential health hazards?

District Mineral Foundation

†2682. SHRI GANESH SINGH:
SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and objectives of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) established for the districts affected by mining related operations in the country;

(b) the funds allocated under DMF so far, State and district-wise;

(c) whether funds under DMF of various districts in the country are not being utilised properly due to the existing rules and if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise including district Satna; and

(d) whether the Government has received suggestions/representations from public representatives in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the details of action taken thereon by the Government?

New Scheme for Booking of Ticket

†2683. SHRI R. DHARUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has implemented a new arrangement recently for ticket booking under which the Government aviation companies is likely to adopt a single platform Global Distribution Service (GDS) for ticket booking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which Air India is likely to benefit financially therefrom;

(d) whether Air India would have to end contact with more than three dozen airlines after the implementation of GDS;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the said new arrangement is likely to have adverse effects on partnership with Star Alliance;

(g) whether due to this new arrangement large number of passengers are likely to face difficulties in modification or cancellation of their journeys after 4th December; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Revamping of Pension Schemes

2684. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revamp the pension schemes and double the number of people covered thereunder and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the contents and methodology of the evaluation process undertaken for the said purpose;

(c) the details of the time frame fixed within which the evaluation process will be completed;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to develop a 'Universal Pension Coverage'; and

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

Garments Manufacturing Centres in NER

2685. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of apparel and garment manufacturing centres functional in the country especially in the North-Eastern Region and the cost of setting up of each centre during the last three years;

(b) the criteria fixed by the Government for setting of such centres and the achievements made in this regard so far;

(c) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for incubation in apparel manufacturing;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial allocation for this purpose during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) whether the Government is implementing a special package for boosting employment in the garment sector under Pradhan Mantri Paridhan Rozgar Protsahan Yojana and if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken to promote apparel manufacturing and its export?

Drinking Water in Rural Areas

2686. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target of providing piped water supply in rural areas in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any special scheme/package to achieve this target in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is not able to provide piped drinking water to even 50 per cent of all rural households;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government is aware of problem of arsenic and fluoride affecting habitation in the country and if so, the quantum of funds released by the Government during the last three years to mitigate the concern of arsenic and fluoride?

Production of Electricity by Ultra Mega Power Projects

†2687. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of ultra mega power projects in the country and the quantum of electricity likely to be produced therefrom, project-wise; and

(b) the detailed criteria laid down by the Government for the allocation of electricity produced from these projects to various States?

Sports Culture

†2688. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether absence of sports culture is one of the major reasons for miserable condition of sports and games in the country; and

(b) if so, the measures undertaken by the Government to change the attitude of the guardians and the society towards the sports and games in the country?

Resolving of Mekedatu Project Issue

2689. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

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

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

(a) whether the Union Government has received any Memorandum or plea from the Government of Tamil Nadu seeking Centre's intervention and to direct the Central Water Commission (CWC) to withdraw the permission given to Karnataka for the DPR of construction of Dam at Mekedatu in river Cauvery;

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

(c) the effective steps taken/to be taken by the Union Government to protect the interests of the concerned States and to resolve the matter amicably?

NH in Tamil Nadu

2690. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an additional acquisition of 1405 square metre in Survey No. 185/4B in Pinnalur village of Cuddalore district has been pending over the past two years in NH-45C on Vikravandi-Kumbakonam section in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the laying of road has been going on yet to be acquired portion of 1405 square metre land and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any issues in providing acquisition notification without further delay and pay 12% amount on compensation from the date of original notification; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bill to Curb Misleading Advertisements

†2691. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make a law to curb misleading advertisements and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to present Food Safety and Standard Regulation Bill in the winter session of the Parliament in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the said law is likely to be made and implemented by the Government?

Inter-linking of Rivers Projects

2692. SHRI NAGENDRA
KUMAR PRADHAN:

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 present status of each of the inter-linking of rivers projects in the country; and

(b) the steps the Government is taking to go forward with these projects?

Inclusion of Rivers for Development of Waterways

2693. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has included five rivers from Karnataka in the

list of waterways considered as technically feasible for the development of shipping and navigating;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of the development of these waterways on the said rivers; and

(d) the extent to which it is beneficial to use waterways as mode of transportation of goods and carriages across and within States?

Release of Funds for Rain Water Harvesting Schemes

2694. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

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 certain States including Andhra Pradesh have requested for assistance to implement rain water harvesting schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds released by the Government to them including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Monitoring of National Waterways

†2695. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having the details of current status and transport

efficiency of developed National Waterways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up any system for the regular supervision and for deciding the transport efficiency of such waterways and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present number of such functional waterways along with the waterways being used regularly for transportation purpose?

Civil Airports in the Country

†2696. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of civil airports in the country and out of them the number of airports converted so far or proposed to be converted into international level airports;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more new civil airports in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to handover some more civil airports to the private sector in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of airports under the control of Airports Authority of India?

Ultra Mega Power Project in Bihar

†2697. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN: SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of 4000 megawatt ultra mega power project proposed in Banka, Bihar;

(b) the estimated cost of the said project;

(c) whether there is apprehension of cost overrun in case the said project is delayed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revival Plan for Airports and UDAN Scheme

2698. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER: SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE: SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO: SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT: SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL: DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn any action plan for revival of unserved and under-served airports in the country, if so, the program of action envisaged in this regard;

(b) whether the UDAN scheme announced in October 2016, seeks to connect unserved and under-served airports in the country as well as to make flying at affordable prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved so far in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is likely to announce International routes under UDAN, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the proposal has been finalised in this regard and the criteria for selecting the airlines has been fixed, if so, the details thereof;

(f) the financial supporting system to the participating airlines under the scheme; and

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

Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

2699. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of amendment to certain sections of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

(b) the total number of accident claim cases pending in the country, State-wise, and how many of them are more than three years old;

(c) the action taken by the Ministry for speedy disposal of long pending accident claim cases before Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Tribunals; and

(d) whether the Government has taken or contemplates to take any affirmative action to facilitate early disposal of motor vehicle accident claim cases, if so, the details thereof?

Pending Roads under PMGSY

2700. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the population norms for constructing roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) across the country particularly in villages of backward areas;

(b) whether many roads under the said scheme are pending/incomplete in Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Koraput Districts of Odisha;

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

(d) the action taken against the agency/agencies involved therein?

Media Publicity Expenditure

2701. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has spent around Rs. 4400 crore on print, electronic and outdoor media publicity during the last four years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details regarding the proportion of the money that was spent on awareness of schemes;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to measure the impact of such awareness of schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Road Construction

†2702. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of 150 projects of National Highways having total length of around 5000 kilometres has not started till now and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of the States where the said projects are located;

(c) the date of starting and completing of construction work on said projects as per the initial assessment;

(d) the reasons that are hindering the start of these projects; and

(e) the details of efforts made by the Government to intervene and sort out the problems, if any, so that the projects could start without any further delay?

Money Spent by DAVP on Advertisements

2703. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct an independent study to gauge the impact of its advertisements on people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the major findings of such study; and

(d) the amount of money spent by Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) on advertisements during 2017-18 and 2018-19?

Diversion of Brahmaputra River

2704. SHRI NINONG ERING:

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 Brahmaputra river in Arunachal Pradesh is being diverted towards Xinjiang Province by construction of a 1,000 km. tunnel by China and if so, the details and the facts thereof;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to solve the issue of frequent floods being caused by this river?

National Highways Development Project

2705. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expressways upgraded so far under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) across the country;

(b) whether upgradation of some of the expressways under the NHDP is lagging behind from the scheduled completion;

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

(d) whether the Government has taken initiatives for connectivity of unconnected districts with the NHs across the country;

(e) if so, the details and achievements thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the development of Highways in the country?

Monitoring of Road Accidents

2706. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the occurrences of road accidents on Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and details of deaths that took place in road accidents during the last five years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the average response time for the ambulances and first-aid for the victims of road accidents on the Highways; and

(e) the details of steps being taken for speedy health services for the same?

Textile Training Centres

†2707. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile training centres functioning in the country at present;

(b) whether more such centres are proposed to be set up in the country;

(c) if so, whether any proposal has been received in this regard from Chhattisgarh; and

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

Disinvestment of Air India

2708. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

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

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to privatise Air India;

(b) whether the Government is still committed to the disinvestment of Air India, if so, the present status in the matter;

(c) whether the process of disinvestment is likely to get delayed due to mutual clash among the members of the Standing Committee of Parliament;

(d) the air passenger growth over the last five years;

(e) whether the Government are aware that inspite of the growth of air passenger traffic some of the airlines were facing problems;

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

(g) whether Civil Aviation industry of the country is growing at a rapid pace and is considered the third largest domestic civil aviation market in the world;

(h) whether the Government are aware that India has the potential to become a global aviation hub for manufacture, repair and overhead (MRO) following a growing aviation business huge pool of engineering talent and low labour cost; and

(i) if so, the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Benefits of Renewable Energy

†2709. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY
नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether industries and commercial electricity consumers have not got the benefits of renewable energy in Maharashtra so far and they are still paying maximum charges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which renewable energy centers are likely to be established in the States with the help of Power Grid Corporation of India so as to provide its benefits to the industries and commercial electricity consumers?

Welfare of Mulberry Farmers

2710. SHRI NIMMALA
KRISTAPPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES
वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently taken any necessary steps to support/help mulberry farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with details of Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for mulberry cocoons during the last three years in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

Construction of Airport

2711. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new airports that have been made functional during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of passengers served by these airports since their opening;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for construction of an airport at Deoghar in Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this airport is likely to become operational for passengers?

Criteria to Broadcast Advertisements

†2712. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING
सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down any criteria to show advertisements in various languages including Hindi and English on private television channels and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total revenue earned by Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) through advertisements and other programmes during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the manner in which the said revenue has been utilized during the said period?

Cleaning of Ganga River in Bihar

†2713. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN 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) the number of schemes/projects completed and those on which work is going on for cleaning of Ganga river in Bihar as on date;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any time-limit to complete the said schemes/projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Social Assistance Programme

2714. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of old-age pensions, widow pensions and disability pensions under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) have been discontinued during the last few years because the beneficiaries had difficulties in linking their bank account with Aadhaar or meeting e-KYC norms;

(b) if so, the details of number of beneficiaries for different pension schemes under NSAP for whom pension has been discontinued due to the said ground or for not meeting other e-KYC norms, State/Year-wise;

(c) the measures taken/being taken to avoid the problem and to re-initiate the pension and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any provision has been made to ensure that, in the event where a pension is temporarily discontinued, the monthly installments corresponding to the discontinuation period are eventually paid to the pensioner; and

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

Allocation of Funds to PRIs

†2715. SHRI DHARAMBIR:
SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than two lakh crore rupees have been allocated

to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) on the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission during its award period;

(b) if so, the allocations made and expenditure incurred during the last five years, State-wise including Haryana;

(c) the States that have prepared and implemented Gram Panchayat Development Plan; and

(d) whether the Government has raised the budgetary any allocation from the year 2014 onwards and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Haryana?

FDI in Renewable Energy Sector

2716. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the ranking of India in the world's renewable energy capacity;

(b) the quantum of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) received during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the number of renewable energy plants functional in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the financial condition of renewable energy sector are on verge of collapse; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Extent of Access to Safe Drinking Water

2717. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:
SHRI ADHIR RANJAN
CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 163 million Indians do not have access to safe drinking water, and the national rural drinking water programme despite spending 90 percent of 89,956 crore rupees over five years upto 2017, could not achieve its targets according to a recent report from the Government auditor and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the current status of India's progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all; and

(c) the details of the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG-6) of the United Nation's Agenda 2030 to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all?

Sharing of Signals by Private Broadcasters

2718. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether viewers have not been able to watch on free-to-air basis of sporting events of national importance due to lack of sharing of signals by private broadcasters with Doordarshan;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring the Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) (Amendment) Bill, 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Khelo India Scheme

2719. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objectives, mission and vision of the Khelo India Scheme;

(b) whether the scheme has been revised and revamped recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme, *inter-alia*, includes a vertical support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies under which Grants-in-Aid is provided for establishment, operation and maintenance of sports academies in respect of identified disciplines to various entities including thereunder PPP mode for facilitating and supplementing Long Term Athlete Development Programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the funds released under the said scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the details of projects sanctioned under the Khelo India Scheme during the last two years and the current year?

Cheaper Domestic Air Service

†2720. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government for making the domestic air services cheaper during the last several years;

(b) the number of aviation companies which have been permitted to operate domestic air services at present including the details in this regard;

(c) whether other aviation companies are also being identified for operating domestic air services; and

(d) the number of proposals in this regard lying pending with the Government as on date and the names of the airlines companies whose proposals are pending including the details thereof?

Wind Turbine Certification Scheme

†2721. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is consulting with the National Institute of Wind Energy, Chennai and is working on wind turbine certification scheme and if so, the details regarding the manner in which it would function;

(b) the reasons for no special achievement in the wind turbine area for several decades in India although wind energy has been the chief source of renewable energy;

(c) the areas in the country with potential for wind energy generation;

(d) whether the Government has any scheme for installation of different types of wind turbines with safety measures and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken so far in this direction; and

(e) the total electricity generated through wind energy during the last three years?

Expenditure under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan

2722. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge difference in budget estimate, revised estimate and total expenditure made by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons for the said variation;

(b) the targets fixed and achieved by the Ministry during the said period;

(c) whether the Ministry has achieved its targets fully and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the directions given by the Ministry to the implementing agencies to receive proposals within specified time limit?

Complaints against Cable Operators

2723. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some complaints against cable operators have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has framed new guidelines for cable operators;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any monitoring mechanism exists to ensure adherence to the guidelines and if so, the details thereof?

Jal Marg Vikas Projects

2724. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP);

(b) the number of Inland Waterways that are functional in the country as on date;

(c) whether the World Bank has economically analyzed JMVP and if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether it has been pointed out in the said analysis regarding employment generation in the shipping sector of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of projects running under JMVP along with the timeframe fixed by the Government for its completion, project-wise; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to execute projects thereunder in a time bound manner?

Projects under Namami Gange Mission

2725. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

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 recently reviewed the execution of projects under Namami Gange Mission in some States;

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

(c) the number of projects sanctioned under the said mission so far, State/UT-wise;

(d) the cost involved in each project along with its completion date and the details of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed so far, if any; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the said projects in time bound manner?

Per Capita Availability of Water

2726. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

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 per capita availability of water in the country at present;

(b) whether the average annual per capita availability of water in the country has come down drastically as per the official data of the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the causes of this problem and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that 2/3 of the world population could be under stress due to water scarcity by 2025 as per various reports and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any study from the Indian point of view in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the measures taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Norms for Classification as NH

2727. SHRI VINAYAK
BHURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM
GOPINATH
MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT
EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are norms fixed to assign the National Highway (NH) tag to a road that also includes plying of 5000 vehicles per day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government of India is making efforts to finalize the new norms in this regard;

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

(d) whether the Central Government of India have also identified the roads which will be designated as National Highways as well as to provide all necessary amenities on these highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Composite Water Management Index

2728. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

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 prepared a report on Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) and if so, the details and the findings thereof;

(b) whether it is true that water stress causes deterioration of fresh water resources such as over-exploitation of ground water, dry rivers, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any special measures to address the issues of ground water, restoration of water bodies, irrigation, farm practices, drinking water, policy and governance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan

2729. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

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

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of launching Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (PSA) along with achievements made since its inception;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed PSA and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the mandate and the present status of PSA in the country;

(d) the role of PSA in empowerment of youth and effective intervention of youth in panchayati raj system;

(e) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under PSA during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether PSA has not been able to strengthen PRIs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Air Accidents

†2730. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI
VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

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

(a) the details of the number of accidents/fatalities/other emergencies occurred/taken place during take off/landing of flights during the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;

(b) whether the accidents have been increasing over time;

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

(d) the action taken by the Government to bring down these accidents/fatalities;

(e) whether it has been occurring with some selected airlines across the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against these airlines?

CRF Scheme

2731. SHRI RAVINDRA
KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Government is providing financial assistance under the Central Road Fund Scheme (CRF) to improve quality of the roads in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance given under CRF during the last ten years, year-wise and State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Bihar;

(c) whether funds were released as per the requests of the State Governments, if not, the reasons for variations therefor;

(d) whether the Government has received any request/proposal for the upgradation of roads from States of Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand including upgradation of Thiruvall-Erumely road in Kerala under the same scheme;

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

(f) the priority accorded to such requests/proposals?

Panchayat Courts

†2732. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:
DR. RAVINDRA
KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to authorise the existing panchayats to hold panchayat courts as was done earlier in order to resolve local/minor disputes and minimise the burden of the higher courts; and

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

Merger of PFC and REC

2733. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on the merger of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and if so, the details thereof along with the current shareholding of the Government in the corporations;

(b) whether due to the proposed merger of PFC and REC the net worth of the acquiring company may get damaged and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to maintain the networth of acquiring company;

(d) whether the Government is also concerned about operational and administrative issues that may come up, if the merger goes through as these are established setups; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government for the smooth merger?

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

2734. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided financial support and infrastructure facilities to the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated to RGNIYD during each of the last four years; and

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts in RGNIYD including that of the Vice-Chairman?

Facility of e-Panchayat

2735. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:
SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:
SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of progress made to provide internet/e-Panchayat facility in all the Panchayats in the country, State/UT-wise including Punjab, Gujarat and Odisha;

(b) the number of Panchayats which have been provided with internet/e-Panchayat facility and the number of Panchayats yet to achieve this facility, State/UT-wise including Gujarat and Odisha;

(c) whether any proposal for modernization of Panchayats in the State of Gujarat is under consideration and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has been in consultation with the Government of Punjab in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which all Panchayats in Punjab are likely to be digitised;

(e) the progress achieved under the Digital India Programme in rural areas to enable feasibility of the said facility; and

(f) the time by which all the Panchayats in the country are likely to be equipped with the said facility?

**Financial Assistance to
Punjab**

2736. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Punjab during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has constructed any sports infrastructure such as a multi purpose stadium in Punjab and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of sports camps organised in Punjab especially for differently-abled people during the said period; and

(d) the estimated investment is proposed for sports facilities in future for Punjab?

Promotion of Coastal Shipping

2737. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inland waterways transport is proving to be game changer in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that cargo traffic on National Waterway-1 is expected to touch 21.89 million tonnes by 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that this modal shift in transport is another step towards promoting coastal shipping as a cost effective means of transportation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Over-Bridge at Ranchi

†2738. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDHARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to build an overbridge to solve the heavy traffic jam problem on Pandra on Kachary road, Kachary Chowk to Doranda via Albert Chowk and Albert Chowk to Kokar via Lalpur Chowk and Ratu road to Kachary road in Ranchi;

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

(c) if not, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Flight on Bio Fuel

2739. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government for the first time in the country has experimented recently to run/operate a civilian flight on bio-fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to operate the regular flights on bio-fuel;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Linking of MGNREGS with Farming
Activities**

2740. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) by the Union Government during the last four years and the current year;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to enhance/provide employment upto 150 days as against present dispensation of 100 days of work and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government also proposes to link MGNREGS with farming activities like paddy and wheat works so as to give fillip to farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Targets under UJALA Scheme

2741. SHRI B.Y.

RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of UJALA Scheme along with the targets fixed/achieved since its inception including the funds allocated/utilised thereunder, State/UT-wise; and

(b) total number of LED bulbs distributed under the scheme so far in Karnataka including Shimoga parliamentary constituency?

Emission Norms for Coal Based Plants

2742. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that non-compliance of the emission standard norms by coal plants in the country are causing large number of premature deaths;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government for adherence of emission standard norms by coal plants?

Preference to Handloom Clothes

2743. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether handloom clothes are given preference in the purchase of clothes as per the requirement of various Central Ministries;

(b) if so, the detailed procedure for purchasing of such clothes;

(c) the quantity and amount of mill-made cloth as well as handloom cloth purchased by the Ministry of Railways out of the total purchase of clothes during the year 2017-2018; and

(d) whether the Ministry of Railways is likely to be directed that under the policy only handloom clothes should be purchased to provide employment to the weavers?

Construction of Service Roads

2744. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 5981 dated 30.04.2015 and state:

(a) whether the construction work of the proposed service road has begun/completed;

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

(c) the time by which the proposed service road is likely to be completed?

Creation of Jobs

2745. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to create more jobs in textile, garments and leather industry to generate employment for the unskilled youth in the country;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government is working on this direction to create jobs in these segments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Air Connectivity under UDAN

†2746. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified certain States in order to connect them with Air Traffic under the Udan Yojana;

(b) if so, the number of cities and tourist spots covered under the scheme;

(c) the number of cities/tourist spots connected under the scheme; and

(d) the names of the cities which are connected or propose to be connected with Aurangabad city of Maharashtra?

New Roadmap for Accident Prevention

†2747. 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 note of the accidents happening on various National Highways;

(b) if so, whether the Government has developed any technique based new roadmap to prevent them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has constituted a study team for improving the infrastructure of National Highways;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to determine rankings of National Highways?

NHs in Kerala

2748. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways in the country, especially in Kerala that have been expanded into four lanes and six lanes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are objections for the development of the National Highways into four lanes and six lanes and the steps taken to settle these objections;

(c) the total allotment and utilization of money to the National Highways in Kerala during the last five years;

(d) the length of NHs during the last ten years in the country and the length of NHs built in Kerala during the same period;

(e) the number of such highway projects in the State that have been funded fully by the Centre and through PPP mode during the above period; and

(f) the details of major NH stretches currently under construction in the State including PPP and toll projects?

Accidents due to Broken Roads and Stray Animals

†2749. SHRI NAGENDRA PRATAP SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the news item published in 'Navbharat Times'

dates 4.12.2018, 2600 persons have lost their lives due to broken roads and stray animals in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check roaming of stray animals on the roads;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the accidents of two wheeler vehicles taking place very often due to excreta of increasing number of stray animals on roads;

(d) the details of assistance being provided by the Government to the injured and the dependents of those who died in accidents; and

(e) whether the Government provides financial assistance and employment to them, if so, the details thereof?

Toll Operate and Transfer

2750. DR. SHRIKANT
EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had invited Toll Operate and Transfer (TOT) the investors for the national highway projects in the country under the TOT

mode and if so, the details thereof along with the project completed during the last one under this scheme;

(b) the achievements under this scheme along with the profit earned therein;

(c) whether the Government have also noticed some shortcomings in the TOT models and if so, the details thereof and action taken therein;

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch the second phase of the TOT in near future and if so, the details thereof and the projects identified under this scheme; and

(e) the profit likely to be earned therein and the manner in which TOT is to be beneficial for the financial health of the Central Government of India and expeditious completion of the national highway projects in the country?

Power Gap

2751. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between projection and actual production of wind energy in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the number of wind mills and their potential/actual production of energy across the country, as on date, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals from Public and Private

sectors for setting up new wind mills across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with present status of such proposals;

(e) the estimated cost, capacity and the locations identified for setting up such wind mills, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote generation and use of wind energy in the country?

Disease Causing Contaminated Water

†2752. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the general public in Darbhanga region of Bihar are struggling with grave fatal diseases owing to heavy presence of arsenic in ground water;

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

(c) whether any amount and guidelines have been released/issued to the State Government for addressing this problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Energy Generation Target

†2753. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets fixed and achieved for generation of electricity

through renewable energy sources in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise/source-wise;

(b) whether the schemes/programmes being implemented in various States for developing renewable energy sources have been successful;

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

(d) the details of the incentives being given to the State Governments by the Union Government for implementation of these schemes;

(e) whether the Government has set up any monitoring mechanism for ensuring proper implementation of these schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Second Airport by 2030

2754. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a study done by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, at least 20 cities will need a second airport by 2030, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has started/plans to start talks with concerned stakeholders about realising the aforementioned findings;

(c) to what extent the State Governments are involved in the study and its findings; and

(d) the details and the status of the new initiative NABH (NextGen Airports for Bharat) launched by the Government, including the timeline adopted?

Funding to Gram Panchayats

2755. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is transferring 14th Finance Commission (F.C.) grants directly to Gram Panchayats and asking the States to maintain the Drinking Water Projects (DWP) through Panchayats; and

(b) whether the Government has earmarked some funds of 14th F.C. for creation of new & Operation and Management (O&M) of existing DWPs and allot it to the concerned districts?

Replacement of Burnt Transformers

†2756. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the 10 KVA and 16 KVA transformers which were installed under rural electrification scheme in villages of Paschim Singhbhum in Jharkhand are burnt but they have not been replaced with the new ones due to which there is no electricity in those villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to replace the burnt down transformers in the villages of the above said districts?

Widening of NHs in Uttar Pradesh

†2757. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways (NHs) widened in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to include State Highways in national highways in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work of widening of the National Highway 56 in Khurdahi Bazaar, district Lucknow at Sultanpur road has been redflagged by the residents, shopkeepers and traders of the area, who have also taken up the matter with the authorities and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether widening of the road has been done by applying arbitrary method of distribution of the land due to which establishments including temples, houses, shops at only one side of the road have been mostly affected and it is being falsely claimed that all affected have been given compensation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of people who were eligible for compensation from this project and the actual amount paid to them?

Modernization of Road Transport System

2758. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

SHRIMATI POONAM

MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road transportation system of the country requires immediate modernization and latest technology and if so the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that overloading and pollution are burning problems for road transportation in India, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has appointed a set of agencies or commissions to look after the maintenance and construction of roads but there is lack of coordination between the agencies and the Government leading to contradictory situation and resulting in bad road condition, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount of funds sanctioned for implementation of the schemes for strengthening public transport system;

(e) whether the Government has taken cognisance of the fact that the length of National Highways and State Highways has increased tremendously as opposed to stagnant growth of public transport in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to augment the public transport in proportion to National and State Highways?

Awards to DISCOMs

2759. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR

DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current progress of Saubhagya Yojana;

(b) the States which have achieved their target of 100% household

electrification and those who failed to achieve their target, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to extend the date of 31 December, 2018 for those States who have failed to achieve the target, if so, the details thereof and the new deadline if any suggested by the Government; and

(d) whether the Government has proposed to give away the awards to the DISCOMs/Power Department of States for those who has achieved the target of 100% electrification, if so, the details thereof?

Clusters Identified under SPMRM

2760. DR. KAMBHAMPATI

HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Rurban clusters identified under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the various initiatives taken/approved by the Union Government for the development of clusters in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted its proposal for development of various clusters under the said mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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