

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 230

International Solar Alliance

4102. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of International Solar Alliance hosted by India recently;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target of deployment of solar energy systems in the country during the hosting period and if so, the details of deployment made in the country so far;

(c) whether the Government proposes to solarise the national educational institutions like central universities in the country as objective of National Solar Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has given tender to any private companies;

(e) if so, the details along with the criteria for selecting companies thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has received any financial assistance from the members of International Solar Alliance; and if so, the details thereof?

Zero Defect Zero Effect Scheme in MSME Sector

4103. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that have started to follow the manufacturing patterns as provided in the guidelines of the Zero Defect Zero Effect scheme;

(b) whether the National Monitoring and Implementation Unit (NMIU), *i.e.* the Quality Council of India (QCI) has been following the guidelines on a consistent basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Ground Water Pollution

†4104. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas where ground water is excessively polluted and it is affecting the health of the people;

(b) whether the Government proposes to adopt any strategy to deal with it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether budget has been allocated for this propose in Rajasthan?

Sale of Khadi Products

4105. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of Khadi products have shown a remarkable growth in the recent time period in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, sale and export of Khadi products during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Khadi industry and to exploit/tap its export potential?

Pension Scheme for Female Meritorious Sportspersons

4106. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ensure and put in a smooth and hassle free procedure for female meritorious sportspersons to avail the benefits of the pension scheme after retirement which would play a vital role in hindering women from opting sports as their career;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Recalled Vehicles for Safety Defects

4107. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the number and class/type of vehicles recalled by automobile manufacturers for safety defects in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has prepared a mandatory recall policy for vehicles which do not meet safety standards;

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

(e) whether a study of road accidents involving light four wheelers has been conducted and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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Remuneration to Workers under SBM

4108. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI SU.

THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the remuneration/wages paid to the workers/labourers working under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) or Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is very less and at present only Rs. 85 per day are being paid and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the said remuneration/wages if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of Water

4109. SHRI H.

VASANTHAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is to address the core issues such as the current shortage of water in various parts of the country as well as relief measures along with rainwater harvesting;

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

(c) the funds allocation in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

Nal Se Jal Scheme

4110. DR. M.K. VISHNU
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come out with Nal Se Jal scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set a target of providing tap water to every household by 2024 and if so, the detailed plan worked out to achieve the target; and

(c) the action taken to bridge the gap of 43 per cent between water availability and requirement and the time-frame by which it would be met, in each and every block in the country with particular reference to Tamil Nadu?

Check on Manufacturing and Sale of Sub-Standard Helmets

†4111. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of increasing number of manufacturers and sellers of sub-standard helmets resulting in increase in the number of accidental deaths involving two-wheeler in the country;

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

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check and prevent manufacturing and sale of such sub-standard helmets in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to reduce prices of good quality helmets so as to encourage use of such helmets by a larger number of people; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

SPVs to Develop Waterways

4112. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to form Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) by major ports to develop waterways across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of waterways which are proposed to be allocated to ports in the country, specially in Kerala; and

(d) the funds earmarked from Central fund for development of water transport and the time by which these waterways will be operationalised?

Conservation Campaign for Cauvery and Vaigai Rivers

4113. SHRI MANICKAM
TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce conservation campaign for Cauvery and Vaigai Rivers on the line of "Namami Gange";

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also planned to form any experts committee to find pollution level in these Rivers in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Minimum Qualification for Drivers

4114. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ
JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Motor Vehicle Act has a provision of minimum Class VIII qualification for drivers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this may prove to be a barrier for many trained drivers from backward regions and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Rajasthan High Court has recently ordered to withdraw licenses of illiterate drivers on this ground and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether many States have opposed this provision; and

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

Increase in Share of Power

†4115. SHRI CHANDESHWAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power share of State of Bihar has been increased in the allocated share of central power units of eastern region; and

(b) if so, the total increase in megawatt as a result of this?

Promotion of Sports

†4116. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR
ULAKA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any policy/programme for promotion of sports among rural youth in the country especially in Odisha and if so, the details and the achievements made in this regard;

(b) whether infrastructural facilities are not available at national level for promotion of sports activities in the country particularly backward and rural areas due to which athletes of rural areas are unable to nurture their sports;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the financial assistance provided by the Government for promotion of rural sports during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to start special drive for ST students in sports and if so, the details thereof?

Proposals under Swachh Bharat Mission

4117. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals cleared and funds sanctioned/released along with the details of works conducted or likely to be conducted under Swachh Bharat Mission so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of proposals lying pending along with the time by which pending proposals are likely to be cleared, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding misappropriation of funds under the Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon?

Proposals for Highways

†4118. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Government of Bihar for construction of roads and maintenance of highways during the last five years along with the present status thereof;

(b) the details of proposals out of these lying pending with the Union

Government along with the reasons therefor; and

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

Maritime Training Institutes

4119. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pre-sea Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) for Merchant Navy approved by DG Shipping;

(b) the intake capacity vs. Utilisation of these MTIs in courses of Deck Cadet Course, Deck Cadet Course (BSc - 3 Years), BE Marine 4 Years, GME 1 Year, GP Rating 6 months and CCMC 6 Months;

(c) the number of trainees passed out in each stream of Pre-sea training in these MTIs during the year 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;

(d) the placement record of these courses in the above mentioned years; and

(e) whether the sponsorship letter is compulsory from RPSL company approved by DG Shipping for each inductee who wishes to join any pre-sea training courses like Deck Cadet Course (DNS), Deck Cadet Course (BSc - 3 Years), BE Marine 4 Years, GME 1 Year, GP rating 6 months and CCMC 6 months and if so, the details thereof?

Availability of quarters for Central Government Employees

4120. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI RAJA
AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:
DR. SUKANTA
MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge gap between demand for and availability of residential quarters for Central Government employees in Delhi and if so, the details thereof, type-wise and location-wise;

(b) the details of residential quarters constructed in Delhi during the last five years, type-wise and location-wise;

(c) the reasons for the Government's failure to provide hundred per cent accommodation facility to employees so far;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to construct quarters on massive scale to end the long waiting list in Delhi and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a large number of occupants are still continuing to occupy such accommodation in Delhi even after expiry of their defined period/tenure for the purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to vacate such premises?

Development of Arakkonam Air Base as Airport

4121. SHRI S.
JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to take part of the Arakkonam air base on lease from the Defence Ministry and to develop it as airport for landing and taking off small aircraft and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether the Government would consider developing civil airport at Arakkonam in view of the demand for it, due to industrialization and connectivity to nearby places?

Public Transport Service in Delhi and NCR

4122. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of DTC and cluster buses being run by the Government for the commuters in Delhi and NCR;

(b) whether commuters relying on public transport have to wait for hours due to shortage of buses and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of buses to meet the requirements of huge number of commuters in Delhi and NCR; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve public transport in Delhi and NCR?

Financial Assistance for Cleaning of Palar River

†4123. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI
जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to give financial assistance to clean Palar River and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the criteria fixed for selecting such rivers and the details of the rivers identified for financial assistance; and

(c) the funds allocated and utilized for this purpose, during the last three years and the current year?

Status of Sports Authority of India

4124. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the status of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in different States is at par with the international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the measures being taken by the Government to improve the status of SAI in various States?

Completion of NH Projects

4125. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:
SHRI DHANUSH M.
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the targets of completion of National Highway (NH) projects during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete these projects in a stipulated time frame;

(c) the number of incomplete NH projects, State/UT-wise;

(d) the percentage of projects suffering from cost and time overruns;

(e) the length of NHs constructed in Tamil Nadu along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose; and

(f) the length of NHs under construction in the country presently particularly in Tamil Nadu and the time limit set for completion thereof?

Subsidies in Power Sector

4126. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the steps taken or suggested to plug DISCOMs losses;

(c) whether there is a need to route subsidies in power sector through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken to streamline the subsidies in power sector; and

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

Opportunities to Small Companies in the field of Renewable Energy Sector

4127. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is still behind in production of energy supplement in the field of renewable power generation inspite of several new and renewable energy projects in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Central and State Projects in the renewable energy sectors which are functional during the last ten years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the small companies have been unsuccessful in winning the power project through auctions and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to resist dominance of large players and giving fair opportunities to small companies in the renewable energy sector?

Lignite based Power Generation Unit

†4128. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a lignite based power generation unit, a joint venture of Uttar Pradesh State Power Generation Corporation and the Central Government at Ghatampur in district Kanpur of Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) the amount estimated to be spent on the setting up of the said unit; and

(d) the time by which the said unit is likely to be set up?

SAMADHAN

4129. SHRI KANUMURU
RAGHU RAMA
KRISHANA RAJU:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY
VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come up with Scheme of Asset Management and Debt Change Structure (SAMADHAN) to propose sale or takeover of the stressed assets of the power plants to prevent their liquidation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the task has been assigned to SBI to finalise the scheme and if so, the status thereof;

(d) the number of power plants that were considered under the said scheme; and

(e) the status of the implementation of the said scheme as on date?

Status of Solar Charkha Mission

4130. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Solar Charkha Mission in 50 clusters across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up 15 new state-of-the-art technology centres across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has increased budgetary allocation under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in order to incentivise entrepreneurs, mainly women and SC/ST; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make Solar Charkha Mission successful?

Use of Recycled Products in Construction

4131. SHRI SUDHAKAR
TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any regulatory framework for mandatory use of Construction and Demolition (C & D) recycled products for construction activities;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage use of recycled products made from C & D waste for construction and other similar purposes across the country?

Definition of Electrified Village

4132. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages electrified under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), State/UT-wise;

(b) the total number of villages with electricity connections to every households out of the aforesaid number of villages, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether for a village to be considered 'electrified', only 10% of households in a village needs to be electrified and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to change the definition of village electrification to electrification of 100% of households in a village; and

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

Work on NH-183 and NH-183A in Kerala

4133. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of construction of National Highway (NH)-183 and NH-183A in Kerala;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised for construction work of these projects;

(c) whether acquisition of land is required for the purpose; and

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

Setting up of Universities for Minorities

4134. DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. AMOL RAMSING
KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI
SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY
TATKARE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) has constituted a committee to go into the modalities for establishment of institutions in different parts of the country with a view to facilitate educational development of the minorities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the committee has submitted its report and if so, the main recommendations thereof;

(c) whether the Government has studied the recommendations and if so, the action taken on these recommendations;

(d) whether non-existence of universities to pursue higher education has affected minority students badly and if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up new universities for minorities;

(e) whether the Government has received proposal for setting up of universities for minorities from different States of the country; and

(f) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

New Airport in Delhi/NCR

4135. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish any new airport in Delhi/NCR and to start regional flights from the existing airports, if any;

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

(c) the details of the plan layout and the time limit in this regard?

Grid Connected Roof Top Solar Programme

4136. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing grid connected roof top and small solar power plants programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the central financial assistance given to the State of Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the said programme will be extended to Tenkasi region in Tamil Nadu which has huge potential of solar power; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision in the said matter will be taken?

Automated Inspection and Certification Centre

4137. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up automated inspection and certification centers in Tirupati and Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

New Mini Hydro Power Projects

4138. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cleared any new proposals for starting new mini hydro power projects during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new projects started during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Water Stress

4139. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) by the NITI

Aayog has indicated that nearly 600 million people face high to extreme water stress in the country, especially in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle water crisis in the country?

Arrangements for Haj Pilgrimage

4140. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arrangements made for Haj pilgrimage;

(b) whether there have been complaints by the pilgrims every year about inadequate facilities and arrangements; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to resolve these issues/problems?

Land Pooling Policy

†4141. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Delhi Development Authority's highly ambitious Land Pooling Policy;

(b) whether it is true that even after the expiry of five months from the start of registration process, work has not yet been started in any sector;

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

(d) the status of land acquisition and land registration in the sectors identified in four zones under the said policy;

(e) whether any problem is being faced in land acquisition under the said policy; and

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

Pollution caused by Coal based Power Plants

†4142. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the pollution caused by the coal based power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the loss of life and property due to this pollution during the last two years; and

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to prevent the pollution caused by the coal based power plants?

Scholarship Schemes for Minority Students

4143. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is continuing with the scholarship schemes meant for the minority students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria fixed for the selection of students for getting the said scholarships;

(d) the amount allocated during each of the last five years for such scholarships; and

(e) the number of students who have got the scholarships during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Aircraft Accidents Investigation Bureau

†4144. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided regulatory framework for making Aircraft Accidents Investigation Bureau;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the comprehensive steps taken by the Government for the safety of aircraft?

Coastal Economic Zones

4145. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has identified 14 Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) to be targeted for labour intensive and export oriented industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to develop these zones?

Monitoring and Repairing of Roads

4146. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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 directed all its officials to strictly monitor road conditions and take timely action for repairing the damaged stretches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether damages would be levied and appropriate action would be initiated against the contractor, if he fails to fulfil the contractual obligations of operations and maintenance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pending Proposals from Bihar and Maharashtra

†4147. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL
CHIKHLIKAR:

SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports and youth affairs related proposals received from Bihar and Maharashtra during the last three years including cost/expenditure involved in each such proposal;

(b) the details of proposals out of them cleared so far including the subject to which these are related;

(c) the details of proposals which are lying pending for approval at the Central level as on date;

(d) whether the pendency of proposals is likely to cause delay in achieving the desired objectives of these proposals and increase their cost; and

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

Achievements in Aviation Sector

4148. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI GIRISH
BHALLCHANDRA
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has emerged as the fastest growing aviation market and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether his Ministry has requested airlines including the private players to promote the achievement of the Government in the aviation sector and if so, the details of these achievements;

(c) whether certain private players have refused to promote Government's achievement in aviation sector and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the response of the Government thereon?

Completion of Water Projects

4149. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is assisting financially and otherwise to complete water related projects in Telangana and also "Jalayaguam" project in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of projects assisted by the Government so far, State/UT-wise during the last five years;

(c) the criteria adopted therefor;

(d) the role played/to be played by financial institutions and international agencies in completion of such projects in both the States; and

(e) the time frame fixed to complete all the projects along with the action plan chalked out to complete them within the prescribed time frame?

Pending Highway Projects

4150. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to resolve the highway projects which are stuck and pending for completion by allowing agencies like National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and NHIDCL to foreclose the contracts of such projects;

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

(c) the number of stuck projects settled by NHAI and NHIDCL so far along

with the amount involved therein, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(d) whether the concessionaire does get its money back if the project is stuck due to the contractor's fault and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) the other provisions made in the new circular/guidelines for the revival of such stuck projects; and

(f) the number of stuck projects revived as a result thereof so far?

Engagement of Private Companies for Maintenance of NHs

4151. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/NHAI engages private companies for maintenance and repair work of the National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the criteria laid down for engaging these private companies;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of these private companies and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that the work entrusted to these companies is completed in the given time frame?

Phone Helpline Facility along NHs

4152. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the National Highways (NHs) in the country have phone helpline facility and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any request/proposal with regard to phone helpline facility and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(c) whether the app-based cabs are provided with customer care center number in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Coverage of Saubhagya

4153. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of POWER
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the coverage of villages for electrification under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana-Saubhagya during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;

(b) the details of the estimated requirement of electricity in the country and the quantum of electricity available at present; and

(c) the details of the assessment made by the Government on the loss of electricity during transmission and distribution in terms of quantity and revenue in order to address the issue?

Affordable Electricity to Masses

4154. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide reliable, sustainable and affordable electricity to masses focusing the attention towards green energy sources;

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

(c) whether the Government aims to set up 500 Giga Watts (GW) of renewable energy capacity by 2030 to reduce the dependence on conventional energy resources under its plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon;

(e) whether power discom requires to buy a fixed quantity of renewable energy under renewable purchase obligation to cut reliance on fossil fuels and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has set defined milestones or policy to reduce the electricity rates for common man in reference to the required demand as per 2022 target and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

States Lacking Safe Drinking Water

†4155. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI
जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many such States in the country which lack safe drinking water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Land for Construction of Houses

4156. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments/UT administrations to provide land to construct houses for the homeless people in the areas under their domain including Chandigarh and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the respective State Governments/UT administrations have initiated any action in response to the direction of the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Drinking Water Problem in Bundelkhand

†4157. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI
जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the effective measures taken by the Government in Bundelkhand under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide special assistance to rural areas of Bundelkhand with a view to tackle the drinking water problem;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the financial assistance provided for different areas in Bundelkhand including Madhya Pradesh under the NRDWP along with the effective steps taken to address the problem of drinking water during the last one year?

Water Supply

4158. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether water supply across the country is a "top priority" for the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made or proposes to make an investment of Rs.2,05,018 crore for the purpose under the Smart Cities Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Wind Energy Projects

4159. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wind energy projects across the country which have received financial assistance from the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop solar energy resources in view of the rising need of energy in the country; and

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

Traffic Jam on Service Road of NH-6

†4160. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that trucks are parked on the service road in front of NTPC, HAEP and KRIBHCO townships on the section of Surat-Hazira National Highway-6 (NH-6) resulting in traffic jam;

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

(c) whether the Government/NHAI proposes to take steps in coordination with the local police administration to address the issues; and

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

Accessibility of Drinking Water

4161. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any efforts to achieve the targets of making drinking water accessible for all in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the budget allocated to solve drinking water problem in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Shortage of Drinking Water

4162. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some rural areas of the country particularly Tamil Nadu face shortage of drinking water due to adverse effect of availability of ground water and failure of monsoon in recent years;

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

(c) whether the Union Government has provided financial assistance and technical support to the State Governments to cope up with the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Irrigation

4163. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated to Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana scheme need a boost; and

(b) whether the Government have increased allocation of funds for this scheme and facilitate better irrigation facilities for the farmers including the farmers of Karnataka?

Highway Projects in J&K

4164. SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI: SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the capacity of highways in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to enhance the quota of J&K under the Central Road Fund and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of various projects *i.e.* Kapran-Desa-Doda Tunnel, Mugul Road Tunnel, Qazigund-Banihal Tunnel, Pahalgam-Panikhar Road, Kulgam-Gulabgarh Road, Tral-Pahalgam Road and Shari-i-Shali-Tral Road in J&K;

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilised on these projects, project-wise; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Pay Related Difficulties of Employees of Air India

†4165. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Air India are facing the pay related difficulties due to

loss in domestic and international flights and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Dehradun-Delhi National Highway Project

†4166. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the construction work of Dehradun-Delhi National Highway project was sanctioned;

(b) the present status of work on the said project;

(c) the reasons for delay in completion of the said project;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for completion of work on the said project; and

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

Repair Work of NH-31

†4167. MS. ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the dilapidated condition of National Highway (NH) No. 31 between Barhi and Rajauli; and

(b) if so, the details of the work done to repair the said stretch during the last

two years and the current year along with the amount spent thereon?

New Technology for Construction of Houses

4168. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of the Government's vision of 'Housing for All' in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is true that NBCC is in the process of importing new technology called Non-Tectonic System from Hungary, US and Russia which helps in completing construction of houses in 7-10 days; and

(c) if so, the details of such technology and status of procuring the same by NBCC?

Atal Bhujal Yojana

4169. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes Atal Bhujal Yojana for sustainable management of ground water with community participation;

(b) if so, the details and the purpose thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the areas under the said Yojana and if so, the details thereof, State/UT/location-wise;

(d) the details of funding pattern between the Centre and the States; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for sustainable ground water management in all districts of Bihar?

Collection of Revenue by NHAI

4170. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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 proposes to raise nearly Rs. 50,000 crore in the third round of bidding by inviting private players to collect toll and operate roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the initial value of the concession is estimated at Rs. 4,995.48 crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Treatment of Seafarers

4171. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign seafarers held captive in our jails along with the status of their cases;

(b) whether India is pursuing with IMO convention on "Fair Treatment of Seafarers" and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Indian and Foreign ships abandoned by the seafarers in Indian economic zones during the years 2018 and 2019;

(d) the action taken against the owners of these ships;

(e) the details of Indian seafarers reported missing or dead during service on Merchant ships during the said period; and

(f) the details of compensations released till now to the victims' families along with the unsettled claims in this regard?

Ship Breaking Yards

4172. SHRI RAJA
AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:
DR. SUKANTA
MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ship breaking yards and the number of workers employed therein in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantity and kind of waste generated at these yards;

(c) the norms laid down by the Government for the disposal of solid waste generated from these yards;

(d) whether the workers in these yards are reported to be facing health hazards due to negligent waste disposal practices;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve waste disposal practices for well being of these workers; and

(f) whether there is urgent need for regulatory framework for ship breaking industry in the country and if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Training Programmes for Players

4173. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government conducts residential coaching programmes for all categories of sports for players from the age group of 10 years and above;

(b) if so, the details of Sports Authority of India (SAI) initiatives and selection criteria involved therein;

(c) the procedure of training and study programmes laid down for the residential players;

(d) the details of selection procedure and training facilities to district players who have talent and qualified in different sports performance; and

(e) the details of vacancies in SAI training centres and the proposal of the Government in searching talented players and to make them experts, age-group and category-wise?

Study on Dismantling of Old Ships

4174. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of old ships being dismantled at Indian dismantling facility centres per year;

(b) whether the Government has done any study on dismantling of ships as it is a most dangerous profession in the world,

both for workers and the environment and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status report on high levels of fatalities, injuries and work-related illnesses mainly from hazardous materials on board?

Status of Lower Subansiri Hydro Electric Power Project

4175. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN
DAS:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the recommendation of the State Committee on the Lower Subansiri Hydro Electric Power Project (LSHEP) regarding the safety and environment-related issues connected with the Hydro Electric Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the estimated cost of the whole project and the extra amount required due to the delay of the project?

Declaration of NH in Maharashtra

†4176. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN
PAWAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manmad-Chandwad section in Maharashtra has been declared as National Highway (NH);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of development work on the said section?

Beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

4177. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI
KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed under each component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of houses allotted to beneficiaries under its each component, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of houses constructed thereunder and lying vacant, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the social-audit conducted as per the guidelines of the scheme, State/UT-wise?

Flood in Assam

†4178. SHRI NABA KUMAR
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether loss of crores of rupees takes place in Assam due to flood every year;

(b) the details of funds allocated to the State for their use for the people affected by the floods during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any plan to declare the floods in Assam as a national problem, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for floods of such a massive scale coming in Assam every year including the measures to be taken for resolving this issue?

Registration of Property

4179. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being undertaken to improve India's score in difficulty to 'register property' in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business ranking; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to move to Torren's system of land titling on the lines of Urban Land (Certification of Title) Act, 2016 passed by the State of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

Civic Amenities in Slums

†4180. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for providing civic amenities in slums and for their development in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to conduct a survey of slums in urban areas and locate them with the

help of remote sensing and geo information system;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to provide basic facilities like healthcare to the people living in the slums of metro cities of the country?

Building of New Waterways

4181. SHRI THOMAS
CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals to build new waterways at Alappuzha- Kottayam - Athirampuzha Canal, Kottayam-Vaikom Canal and through any water bodies in Kottayam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

NH Projects in Gujarat

†4182. DR. BHARATIBEN
DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways (NHs) sanctioned in Bhavnagar and Botad districts (Gujarat) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the present status of ongoing projects in these districts; and

(c) the reasons for delay with regard to the pending projects?

Connecting of Blue and Yellow Lines of Delhi Metro

4183. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for connecting Delhi Metro's Blue Line and Yellow Line from Dwarka Sector-21 to Gurgaon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Features of Khelo India Programme

†4184. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and objectives of Khelo India Programme;

(b) whether the Government has sanctioned adequate funds for youth and sports activities in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof including Chhattisgarh, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to plan any strategy for improvement/development of youth and sports activities in the country;

(e) if so, the details of youth hostels and stadiums constructed during each of the last three years and the current year

along with the funds allocated for the said purpose, State/UT and programme-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to increase allocation of funds for the State Governments?

DDA Housing Scheme

†4185. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received from the allottees of Delhi Development Authority's Housing Scheme 2014 and 2017 regarding recovery of enhanced amount from the allottees by converting EWS flats into LIG category;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for surrendering flats under these schemes and the steps taken for addressing the problem;

(c) whether the Authority has also served notice to allottees for recovering higher interest on outstanding amount under the said schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the rate of interest being charged thereunder; and

(e) whether the Authority has promised to provide relaxation to allottees in the payment of interest and if so, the details thereof?

Ground Water Depletion in Bihar

4186. DR. ALOK KUMAR
SUMAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any scientific study regarding depletion of ground water of the country, specially in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan of the Government to tackle the depletion of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Depleting Ground Water

4187. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of rapid depletion of ground water in the country and if so, the action taken to regularise the use of ground water;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the use of ground water in large quantity for commercial purpose and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government analysed the catastrophic negative impacts of ground water depletion in food security and poverty and if so, the initiative taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce common pool resource model and if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(e) whether the Government proposes to give priority to drinking water purpose and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to restrict the extraction of ground water in

critical areas, if so, the details of action taken and the areas identified?

Beautification of River Ghats

†4188. SHRI SHANKAR
LALWANI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for cleaning and beautification of river ghats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether applications submitted by the State Governments are pending in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which funds are likely to be sanctioned and the details thereof?

Ban on RO Water Purifiers

4189. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to implement the recent order of National Green Tribunal (NGT) for banning Reverse Osmosis (RO) systems for water where level of dissolved solids is less than 500 mg/l across India;

(b) whether there is specific recovery rate for RO treated water in India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent large scale wastage of water due to rejection from RO system in India; and

(d) whether the Government has run/ is running any awareness programmes regarding health impacts of RO water and requirement of minerals in human body, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Green Energy

4190. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote green energy;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the usage of renewable energy resources for infrastructure development projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Expert Committee on MSMEs

4191. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV
RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SRINIVAS KESINENI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ
JALEEL:
SHRI KANUMURU
RAGHU RAMA
KRISHANA RAJU:
SHRIMATI APARAJITA
SARANGI:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether small businesses which account for more than 50 per cent of employment in the country are facing a spate of disruptions since the demonetization, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an Expert Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to undertake a comprehensive review of the sector and to identify causes and proposes long-term solutions for their economic and financial sustainability and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof and the main recommendations made by the Committee along with the response of the Government on the recommendations of RBI;

(d) whether RBI has suggested a Rs. 5000 crore stressed asset fund for domestic MSMEs to provide relief to small businesses hurt due to demonetization, GST and ongoing liquidity crunch and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Committee has suggested for forming a Government sponsored fund of Rs. 10,000 crore to support venture capital and private equity firms investing in MSMEs and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the panel has also suggested to replace MSMED Act, 2006 to MSME Code and if so, the details thereof and steps taken or being taken by the Government to develop MSMEs in the country?

Excessive Salt in Drinking Water

†4192. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether presence of excess salt in water is leading to serious diseases like kidney disease among the people of various States, particularly in Shegaon, Jalgaon, Jamod, Sangrampur, Khangaon, Nandura, Malkapur areas in Buldhana region of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to reduce the excess quantity of salt in water in Buldhana region, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated to the States, especially to Maharashtra in this regard?

Targets under PMAY

4193. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) to provide houses to the homeless people;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the targets fixed and achievements made including number of households surveyed and the number of homeless families given

houses under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Jharkhand;

(c) whether due to shortcomings in the survey conducted regarding the number of homeless families, several households remained deprived of this scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide houses to such households in near future by fixing year-wise targets and if so, the details thereof along with the further measures taken/to be taken to achieve the targets fixed under the scheme?

Assessment of SBM

†4194. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work done in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any proposal has been sent by the aforesaid States with regard to including any other area under SBM; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the year-wise details of the amount released to the aforesaid States till date under SBM?

Drinking Water Scheme for Chhattisgarh

4195. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

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

Incentives under SBM-G

4196. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incentives/facilities under SBM-G have been granted/provided for construction of toilet blocks for the houses constructed in the forest encroachment areas in A&N Islands as per Supreme Court order;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of toilet blocks constructed as on date and expected date for implementation and completion of the mission there; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Thermal Power Plant in Tamil Nadu

4197. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a thermal power plant in Cuddalore region of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total budget allocated and timeline fixed by the Government for setting up of thermal power plant in the said region?

Mission Solar Charkha

†4198. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of Mission Solar Charkha;

(b) the number of people who have been benefited therefrom across the country so far;

(c) the number of such beneficiaries in Haryana especially in Kurukshetra district;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take new steps to connect more people to this scheme at present; and

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

Vision of 'Housing for All'

†4199. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people provided houses so far under the Government's vision of 'Housing for All' by 2022, State/UT-wise;

(b) the present status of the schemes implemented thereunder in urban and rural areas of Nagpur and the norms for providing houses under the said schemes;

(c) whether the schemes under the said vision have been running properly and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the said vision and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to extend the time limit of the said vision and if so, the details thereof?

Water Crisis in Karnataka

4200. SHRI D.K. SURESH: SHRI B.Y.

RAGHAVENDRA: SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Karnataka has been suffering from worst crisis of shortage of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that standing crop sown in hundreds of hectare of land by farmers are on the verge of failure due to this and if so, the details and the facts thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to take any long term measures to put an end to water crisis and if so, the details thereof?

Inland Navigation

4201. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI DIPSINH
SHANKARSINH
RATHOD:
SHRI BHARATSINHJI
SHANKARJI DABHI:
SHRI PARBATBHAI
SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rivers and canals identified for inland navigation in the country including the States of Gujarat and Kerala; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to optimize development of national waterways in the country including the said States?

Electrification of Villages

†4202. MS. DIYA KUMARI:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified during the last five years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds spent during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of villages electrified and yet to be electrified in Pali, Ajmer, Nagaur and Rajsamand districts of the State of Rajasthan;

(d) the time by which the remaining villages are likely to be electrified; and

(e) the target in hours fixed by the Government to supply electricity in the villages every day and its present status in each State of the country?

Energy from Tidal Waves

4203. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY
TATKARE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. AMOL RAMSING
KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI
SHARMA:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO
BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of potential capacity of tidal energy that can be produced in the country;

(b) the extent to which this potential has been realized so far;

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

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

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

(f) whether the Government proposes to formulate such a policy, if so, the details

thereof and the other steps taken by the Government to boost production of tidal energy?

Carbon Free Power Generation

†4204. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA
KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of power generation in the country at present along with its demand and supply;

(b) the details of the sources of power generation and their capacity;

(c) the sources through which carbon free power is likely to be generated in the next ten years along with the quantum of power prescribed to be generated from these sources;

(d) the details of the measures taken in this regard;

(e) whether proposals have been received from the States of Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Drought Advisory

4205. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre had issued a "drought advisory" to six States in India recently asking them to use water judiciously as the water storage in dams dropped to a critical level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a delay in the arrival of monsoon has pushed the country's rainfall deficiency in June to 45 per cent and if so, the details and the facts thereof; and

(d) whether any measures are being or have been taken by the Government to combat drought like situation and ensure adequate water supply to affected regions/ States and if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Delhi-Saharanpur-Yamunotri NH

†4206. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR
REHMAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the acquisition of land for construction of Delhi-Saharanpur-Yamunotri National Highway No. 709-B has been completed;

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

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

Protection to MSME Sector

4207. SHRIMATI SANGEETA
KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH
SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cheap import from China has destroyed the domestic Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the demonetization has also impacted MSME sector adversely across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the measures taken by other Asian countries to protect MSME sector in their respective areas;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof, country-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect MSME sector in the country?

Extension of NH upto Tirupattur

4208. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the existing Tiruchi-Perambalur National Highway (NH) upto Tirupattur Brahma Temple in Tamil Nadu for the convenience of pilgrims;

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

(c) if not, whether the Government is likely to consider the demands of the people of Tirupattur and pilgrims to extend the NH upto the said temple in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Power Sector Roadmap

4209. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO:

SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV

RAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to prepare the power sector roadmap for the country;

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

(c) whether the Government held a meeting with the key stakeholder including company executives for the said purpose recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed and the decision taken therein; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide cheaper and uninterrupted power supply to all in the country?

Drinking Water to Tribal Areas of Odisha

4210. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA

SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned towards provision of safe drinking water supply to tribal areas of Odisha;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is drastically lagging behind in achieving its 2017 target of 35 per cent household piped water coverage and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to promptly implement the NRDWP in the districts of Kandhamal, Boudh, Nayagarh and Ganjam of Odisha so that the residents can have access to clean drinking water and if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed for such implementation?

Civil Aviation Schemes

†4211. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various civil aviation schemes introduced previously and to be introduced in the country during the current plan;

(b) the details of the progress made as on date in this regard;

(c) whether the work of these schemes is going on as per schedule; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to speed up the same?

Capacity of Dams

4212. SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV

RAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the Government has prepared/proposes to prepare any action plan to enhance the present capacity of the dams and canals to increase the present area under irrigation in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the name of such dams and canals, location-wise;

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose along with the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and

(e) the area of land likely to be benefited therefrom, State/UT-wise?

Water Resources Revival Scheme

†4213. SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:

SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme to revive river system like rivulets etc. by carrying out rain water harvesting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government for conservation of such river systems; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for conservation of water of Kanthi river in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh?

Land Acquisition for Road Projects

†4214. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the issue of land acquisition has been the biggest reason for pendency of road projects during the period from 2004 to 2014 across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was no proper and beneficial policy regarding land acquisition in the interest of the people; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken/ being taken by the Government after the year 2014 to remove the shortcomings in the said policy and expedite the road projects?

Piped Drinking Water Supply

4215. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 18 per cent of the rural households are getting piped drinking water supply and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government is planning to come up with schemes in coordination with the respective State Governments to provide piped drinking water to every household in the rural areas by 2024; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the Union Government proposes to coordinate with the State Government of Odisha and the time by which it plans to start the scheme?

Modernisation of Cottage Industry in Tamil Nadu

4216. SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by the Union Government to modernise cottage industry in Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) the details of products including food products processed by cottage industries in Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide market to cottage industries and to save them from liberal market forces?

Construction of Bypass on NH-15

†4217. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 to 37 km stretch (Senglipara to Lengripara) under National Highway No. 15 is passing through congested city and causing several road accidents regularly;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct bypass on the said NH and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has prepared DPR in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which construction of said bypass is likely to be completed?

Inclusion of Guwahati under Regional Connectivity Scheme

4218. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to include some nearby centres of Guwahati in Regional Connectivity Scheme to promote the aviation industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the plan outlay regarding the inclusion of urban centres in the aforesaid scheme which already has a long air strip; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Widening of National Highways

4219. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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) started the project of widening of National Highway from Chengapalli to Neelambur and from Madukkarai to Walayar in 2010 under Built Operate Transfer Mode with an estimated cost of Rs. 850 crore and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(b) the expected time to complete the work on stretch of Madukkarai-Walayar and the steps taken by the Government to expedite the work on the said project;

(c) the estimated cost and time to widen the Chengapalli to Neelambur stretch into six-lane and the Madukkarai to Walayar stretch into four-lane;

(d) whether NHAI is facing cost escalation and delay in funding the said projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken to complete the projects at the earliest?

Private Sector Participation in Water Resources Management

4220. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to encourage private sector participation in planning, development and management of water resources projects in the country;

(b) if so, whether any feasibility study has been conducted by the Government regarding the costs of such efforts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Problems Faced by Renewable Energy Sector

4221. SHRI SRIRANGA APPA BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether integration of renewables, including hydro, is unlikely to be a concern in the next three to five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether renewable energy is faced with the problems such as piling up of payments' policy hurdles and regulatory concerns in some cases;

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

(d) whether renegotiation of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) has not resulted in reduction of tariffs;

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

(f) the steps taken by the Government to address the problems faced by the renewable energy sector?

Expansion of Rajahmundry Airport

4222. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajahmundry airport has become the destination for the arrival of eleven flights and the departure of another eleven flights every day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been a four-time growth in the number of flights in a period of eight months and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a demand for air connectivity from cities like Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai to and from Rajahmundry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this demand is likely to be met?

Operation of Flight from Orvakal Airport

4223. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR
SINGARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Civil Aviation has granted permission to operate flights in and out of Orvakal Airport in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the time by which the clearance is to be granted; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans to schedule flights from Delhi to Kurnool and if so, the details thereof?

River Inter-linking

4224. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of river inter-linking in the country;

(b) the expected tenure of the completion of the ongoing linking projects;

(c) whether the river inter-linking will help to face drought and flood in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any State opposed to the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Two-Laning Projects in Tamil Nadu

4225. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of two laning project of Tindivanam-Krishnagiri Section on NH-66 (New NH-77) under National Highways Development Programme (NHDP) Phase III in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the project is running behind its schedule of completion and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the project within the stipulated time-frame; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Inclusion of River Bank Erosion under National Calamity

4226. SHRI PRADYUT
BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that the State of Assam has been demanding for since ten years that river bank erosion along with recurring floods be included in the definition of National Calamity; and

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

Water Storage Scheme under PMKSY

4227. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Arzan Garzan water storage scheme at Chrawani was approved in the year 2014 under PMKSY and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the work on the said scheme was stopped after a few month; and

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

Uniform Housing Policy

4228. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH
CHOUHDARY:

SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to direct the State Governments to formulate a uniform housing policy as variation in these policies pose problems in preparation of integrated guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has engaged consultants to formulate the draft for the new housing policy with special focus on affordable housing for economically weaker sections in consultation with the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**International Stadium
at Agra**

4229. SHRI RAJ KUMAR
CHAHAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international stadium was proposed for Agra to promote the sports activities and to promote talent of not only Agra but the adjoining areas like Mathura, Fatehpur Sikri, Etah, etc.;

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

(c) if not, the reasons for shelving the same; and

(d) the current plan of the Ministry in this regard, especially keeping in view that Agra and Fatehpur Sikri have very limited industrial growth and alternative opportunities in terms of sports activities, infrastructure, holding of international level matches, are deemed imperative for the economic and social development of the region?

**Setting up of Solar
Power Plants**

†4230. SHRI SATYADEV
PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals for setting up of solar power plants from various States including Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the said proposals, State/UT-wise?

**New Airport in
Tamil Nadu**

4231. SHRIMATI S.
JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring a new Airport in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will consider the requirement of airport for Karur in Tamil Nadu which is fourth largest textile exporter in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Thanjavur Airport

4232. SHRI DAYANIDHI
MARAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Thanjavur airport project has not been taken ahead despite it being identified under phase II of UDAN for operation of domestic flights with ATR aircraft and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the current status of the project; and

(c) the time by which the airport will be functional?

Air Space for Flying Drone

4233. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process for zoning of airspace e.g. red, amber and green etc., for flying of drones under Digital Sky Platform has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai, etc. have been left with very less green zones for flying drones for domestic and commercial purposes and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the list of all agencies that have been granted waiver for flying NPNT drones in India?

**Expansion of Surat
Airport**

4234. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Government to expand Surat Airport;

(b) the status of the Terminal Expansion Project flagged off during 2018;

(c) the future plans to connect the city of 66 lakhs people to the rest of the world with International Flights by Air India;

(d) whether the National Carrier Air India operate flights only to two cities when compared to much smaller cities who have flights to multiple destinations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Maintenance of River
Ganga's Bank**

†4235. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to construct STP at Farrukhabad to make the bank of River Ganga clean;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it will be completed;

(c) whether the Government proposes to have electric crematorium at the cremation sites on the banks of River Ganga; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including Farrukhabad?

**Augmentation of Air Connectivity under
UDAN Scheme in Jharkhand**

4236. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities, new routes and closed airports which have been selected for operation of flight service under UDAN scheme in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to commence a third phase of the regional connectivity scheme, UDAN -3 to augment air connectivity to remote locations in the country including Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States with maximum number of airports and helipads which would see activation/operation under UDAN-2 Scheme;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to make it mandatory for the private air operators to sell their tickets at concessional rates to enhance air connectivity and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the Governments of Jharkhand and Karnataka with AAI to develop airports in the States; and

(f) the funds allocated/spent and achievements/progress made under UDAN scheme so far?

Implementation of Sachar Committee Recommendations

†4237. SHRI MOHAMMAD
AZAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy or plan to implement the recommendations of Sachar Committee during the period of 2014 to 2019;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financing of Highway Projects

†4238. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development and construction works of various highways are facing financial crisis due to the reluctance of nationalised banks to finance the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to address the issue;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish a specific/dedicated financial institution for financing highway projects in the country on the lines of PFC and other infrastructure financial institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the other steps being taken by the Government for adequately financing such projects in the country?

Four-Laning of Allahabad-Raebareli NH

†4239. SHRIMATI KESHARI
DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to undertake four-laning of remaining stretch of Allahabad to Raebareli on Allahabad-Lucknow National Highway (NH); and

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

Rain Water Harvesting Plants in Bengaluru

4240. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Niti Aayog has reported that Bengaluru will run out of ground water by 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government towards combating the challenge;

(c) the number of houses and buildings in Bengaluru which have Rain Water Harvesting Plants; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government so far to ensure efficient implementation of Rain Water Harvesting in all houses and buildings with area of 1,200 sq. ft. and more as mandated by the Central Ground Water Board?

Guidelines for Issue of License of Pilots

4241. SHRI HEMANT
TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines laid down by the Government to issue the licenses of pilots in the country;

(b) the number of cases reported to the Government as on date regarding obtaining licenses of pilots on the basis of forged documents; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in each such case?

Unjustified Tariff Hike

4242. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the "unjustified tariff hike" imposed by airlines to various sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether airfares on various domestic and international routes have jumped after Jet Airways shut down its operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bridge on Dhela River on Moradabad-Kashipur Highway

†4243. DR. S.T. HASAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some part of the bridge on Dhela river after Bhojpur on Moradabad-Kashipur highway is in dilapidated condition which may lead to a cause for big tragedy;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct a bridge on Dhela river and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Declaration of NH

†4244. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Akola-Burhanpur-Indore-Ujjain-Agar-Garoth road has been declared as National Highway (NH);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be declared as NH;

(c) whether the DPR of the said road and the survey for alignment has been completed and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(e) the details of the works carried out by the Government on the said road during the last one year and the current year; and

(f) the present status of the process of acquisition of land for the purpose along with the time by which the said process is likely to be completed?

Construction of Toilets

4245. SHRI THOL THIRUMAVALAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated/released and utilized for construction of toilets, individual House Hold Latrines (HHL) and public toilets, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the demand for public toilets; and

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

Criteria for Haj Quota

4246. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Haj Quota is provided to each State based on the Muslim population of that State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revise this criteria so that the quota is provided to each State based on the number of applicants and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has called for or proposes to call global tender from other airline companies to get a good air-fare package for Haj pilgrims and if so, the details thereof?

Cleaning of Rivers

4247. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rivers' cleaning work other than Ganga is being looked after by his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the budget allocated for other rivers; and

(d) whether the Government has done any survey regarding the condition of other rivers and if so, the details thereof and the plan to revive those rivers?

Agreement for Modernisation and Development of Air Service

†4248. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into any agreement with a foreign company for modernisation and development of air service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out or is considering any roadmap for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has set up/is likely to set up any special monitoring system in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Air Service from Gaya

4249. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from various stakeholders, elected public representatives regarding increasing service of Air India and private airlines flights in the country, particularly from Gaya Airport and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to temporarily suspend operation of various flights in the country, particularly Air India Flight AI 433 from Gaya to Delhi and back between July 2019 to September 2019, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to start new private airline service from religious and historical place Gaya to Delhi and other important sectors?

Poverty Rate in Urban Areas

4250. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGBHAI CHAUHAN: DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether poverty rate in urban areas has declined over the years as per the estimates of NITI Aayog;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of people living below poverty line as per the latest estimates in this regard, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any International institution has suggested several measures

to further reduce urban poverty in the country;

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

(e) the effective steps taken/being taken and schemes implemented by the Government to reduce urban poverty in the country?

Sick MSMEs

4251. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country from 2014-2018;

(b) the total number of sick MSMEs in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of MSMEs referred to the Corrective Action Plan Committees as stressed accounts from 2014-2018, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Ministry has conducted any study to judge the impact of demonetization on MSMEs across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cargo Transportations on National Waterways

4252. SHRI DIPSINH
SHANKARSINH
RATHOD:
SHRI BHARATSINHJI
SHANKARJI DABHI:

SHRI PARBATBHAI
SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIIYA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cargo transportation on National waterways in the country during the last five years and the current year; and

(b) whether there is an increasing trend in the cargo transportation during the said period and if so, the details thereof?

Revenue Earning by Toll Plazas

†4253. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toll plazas functioning in the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(b) the details of the revenue earned by these toll plazas during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(c) whether the Union Government has received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat for shifting the toll plaza located at Mandal under district Tapi to 25-30 km away from its present location;

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

(e) the time by which it is likely to be shifted along with the steps taken/being

taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Execution of 'in-Principle' NHs

4254. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of road projects across the country that have been designated as 'in principle' National Highways (NHs) by NHAI between 1st April, 2014 and 30th June, 2019, project-wise;

(b) the difference/distinction between classification of roads declared as a NH and an in-principle NHs as defined by NHAI;

(c) the total estimated cost of these road projects sanctioned as in-principle NHs during the said period; and

(d) the time frame set by the Government for execution of all these projects and to transform these 'in-principle' NH projects into actual NHs?

Repairing of Roads in Lakshadweep

4255. MOHAMMED FAIZAL
P.P.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to repair the roads older than five years and also which are in deteriorated condition in Lakshadweep and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of roads earmarked by the Government for repair/maintenance in Lakshadweep; and

(c) the time period fixed for repair/maintenance of these roads along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Urban Development Schemes

†4256. SHRI RAMCHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and utilised under urban development schemes during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether a large part of funds allocated for urban development to the States during the said period remains unspent;

(c) if so, the State-wise, scheme/project-wise details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the utilisation of funds allocated to the States;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/likely to be taken to strengthen this mechanism; and

(f) the steps taken to make urban local bodies more efficient and to empower them in order to make demand for funds and utilise them?

Capacity of Shipping Sector

†4257. SHRIMATI HEMA
MALINI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of shipping sector has increased substantially and new avenues of employment has also been generated during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special strategic measures have been/are being taken by the Government to further increase the capacity to shipping and attract required investment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Declaration of 'In-Principle' National Highway

4258. SHRI RAMESH
CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of State Highways/roads in Odisha that have been approved 'in principle' for declaration as national highway during the last five years?

Water Scarcity

†4259. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI
MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether water scarcity in the country is taking serious turn in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof

along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether export of foodgrain is likely to decrease in wake of acute water scarcity in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate amount of water to agriculture;

(c) whether it is a becoming difficult to provide water to all people of the country in wake of the fact that 17 per cent population has 4 per cent water availability, if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch water conservation campaign on the lines of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Access Routes

4260. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR
ROY:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for development of access routes in underdeveloped regions which suffer from lack of accessibility across the country;

(b) whether the Government has developed a plan to create linkages of all the small towns and villages in North Bengal to major trade hubs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of progress made on NH-34 project; and

(d) the time by which the work on NH-34 is likely to be completed?

Share of Small Scale Industries in Exports

†4261. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the share of small scale industries in exports in comparison to the organised sector;

(b) the contribution of the small scale industries in generation of income and employment opportunities; and

(c) the long term scheme chalked out by the Government for the development of small scale industries?

National Waterway in Barak River

4262. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of work in National Waterway of Barak River in Assam along with the present status thereof; and

(b) whether four small ports are proposed to be set up along the 60 km waterway at Karimganj, Badarpur, Silchar and Lakhipur in Assam and if so, the details thereof?

Rajiv Awas Yojana

4263. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) implemented by the Government in the country;

(b) whether a big project thereunder in Cochin, Kerala for the rehabilitation of homeless people is in progress;

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

(d) whether this project is not progressing well and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to tackle this issue?

Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme

4264. SHRIMATI MANEKA
SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of towns and cities that have been covered, so far, under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether special emphasis in the programme has been given on removing slums and relocating slum-dwellers in the identified towns and the cities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of projects approved and implemented under the programme during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the special emphasis given to IHSDP in the current plan and the progress of the programme in Uttar Pradesh?

Completion of Projects under Smart Cities Mission

4265. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ
JALEEL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since inception of Smart Cities Mission, only 5.2% of the total identified projects have been completed with just 1.4% financial investment;

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

(c) the number of projects sanctioned and completed so far along with those which are at DPR stage and other being on the stage of completion;

(d) whether there is any condition for allocation and timely utilization of funds allocated under this Mission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to utilise allocated funds within a fixed time-frame?

Special Package to Promote MSMEs

4266. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
DUBEY:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to give special package to establish and promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country including North Eastern region and nearby areas, Delhi/NCR, Bihar, Jhansi, Kushinagar etc. in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of proposed package and its implementation mechanism; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Doping Tests

4267. SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI RAJA
AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA
MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several sportspersons have been tested positive in doping tests conducted by National Anti Doping Agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry has constituted any Committee to enquire into issues concerning prevalence of doping;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether doping scandal involving leading athletes might hit India's preparation for Olympics; and

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

Policy for Scrapping of Vehicle

4268. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHAKAR
TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised a vehicle scrapping policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to hold comprehensive consultations with all the stakeholders before implementing the said policy for mandatory scrapping of vehicles?

Celebration of MSME Day

4269. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. AMOL RAMSING
KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI
SHARMA:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO
BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY
TATKARE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Day was celebrated in the country recently and if so, the details and main theme thereof;

(b) whether MSME sector lags behind the foreign counterparts due to lack of latest business skills;

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to accelerate the pending reforms in the MSME sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to increase MSMEs contribution to India's GDP to over 50% from the current 29%?

Category of Sports under Khelo India Programme

†4270. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and category of sports discipline identified under Khelo India Programme;

(b) whether infrastructure availability and high end training are available for the selected students to exhibit their potential and talent and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would consider to de-link these students from the regular stream of education and establish an independent University/Board to protect these students of proper schooling and certification/graduation while purely engaged in sports training as is being extended to NDA, Khadakwasla and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details about the number of players selected by the Government under Khelo India Programme for providing 5 lakh scholarship and the criteria to select such talents particularly from rural areas;

(e) the number of persons benefited throughout the country including Udaipur district in Rajasthan under the Khelo India School Games, 2018 scheme launched by the Government; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to take any fresh steps to link more and more people at present with this scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of Housing for All Vision

†4271. SHRI PARBATBHAI
SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA
SHETTY:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work under the Government's vision of Housing for All by 2022 is going on as per targets fixed thereunder;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has recently announced various reliefs/rebates on home loans in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Smart City Mission and AMRUT

†4272. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:
SHRI OMPRAKASH
BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN
RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Smart City Mission and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely benefits thereof indicating the role of the States therein and the names of the cities selected thereunder, State/UT-wise and the criterion adopted for their selection;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon and work done thereunder along with the criterion fixed for funding of these works and the manner in which funds are likely to be mobilised;

(d) the details of the proposals received from the States/UTs under the said missions along with the action taken on them indicating the funds allocated, released and utilized thereunder during each of the

last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(e) the financial assistance sought and made available by foreign countries in this regard; and

(f) the details of the discussions made with States and private companies in this regard indicating the suggestions received and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the further steps taken by the Government for successful implementation of these missions?

Rehabilitation of Slum People

†4273. SHRI OMPRAKASH
BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN
RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the people/families living in slums in the urban areas of the country;

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

(c) the details of various schemes being implemented for rehabilitation of the people living in the slum areas;

(d) the details of physical and financial targets set in this regard so far along with the reasons for failure in achieving the physical and financial targets, if any, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government monitors the progress of rehabilitation schemes for the people living in slum areas and conducts periodical review in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to make the country free from slums?

Construction of Houses in Karnataka

4274. SHRI B.Y.
RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced Housing for All scheme in the country including Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of houses built thereunder in Karnataka during each of the last three years, district-wise;

(c) the total funds allocated and spent on the said scheme in Karnataka during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has set any target of number of houses for each district and State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof especially for Karnataka?

Roadmap for Education and Skill Building in Aviation Sector

4275. SHRI GIRISH
BHACHANDRA
BAPAT:

SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down a roadmap for Education and Skill Building in Aviation Sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has engaged any agency as consultant to conduct a comprehensive skill gap analysis and draw future roadmap for skill development in Civil Aviation Sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has signed any Memoranda of Understanding for skill development and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of jobs identified by the National Skill Development Corporation in the Aviation Sector; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for skill development in the Aviation Sector?

Bharat Stage-VI Emission Standards

4276. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all new vehicles in the country will need to conform to the Bharat Stage-VI(BS-VI) norms from April 1, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the automobile sector in this regard;

(c) whether the Indian armed forces and paramilitary forces have sought an exemption from the new stringent vehicular emission norms which are set to take effect from the next year;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons mentioned by the Ministries of Defence and Home Affairs in their request along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Defence vehicles were already given exemption from BS-IV norms in 2016 under the relevant rule and they have sought exemption for BS-IV norms till December, 2019; and

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

Use of Electric Vehicles

†4277. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of pollution can be minimised by using electric automobiles in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to States/UTs to promote the use of electric vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of New Youth Hostels

4278. SHRI HANUMAN
BENIWAL:
SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth hostels set up/functional in the country, location-wise;

(b) the number of youth hostels constructed during each of the last three years and the current year, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government has identified the places to construct/start new Youth Hostels in the country including State of Karnataka;

(d) if so, the criteria for selecting these areas and the areas identified for the same; and

(e) the funds allocated and utilized for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

Development of Sports Infrastructure

†4279. SHRI JASWANT SINGH
BHABHOR:
SHRI SANJAY SETH:
SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects implemented to strengthen sports facilities and infrastructure for exploiting sports and

athletics potential of the youth in Gujarat and Jharkhand during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of facilities made available by Sports Authority of India (SAI) for sportspersons of hockey, football, athletics and archery particularly providing coaching facility at international level, nutritional supplement and employment to poor boys/girls during the said period;

(c) the funds allocated by the Government for development of sports infrastructure and for activities of SAI in Gujarat and Jharkhand during the said period;

(d) the details of the progress of Ministry's various programmes in districts Hazaribagh and Ramgarh of Jharkhand; and

(e) whether the Ministry is considering new projects for the aforementioned districts and if so, the details thereof?

High Electricity Prices

†4280. SHRI A.
GANESHAMURTHI:
SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the high rate of electricity in the country and the common people finding it very difficult to pay the monthly electricity bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take necessary steps to reduce the price of electricity to safeguard the consumers;

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

Merchant Navy Institutes

4281. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
DUBEY:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

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

(a) whether there are some Merchant Navy Institutes in the country which are not approved by any State Government or DG Shipping and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any data submitted by these Institutes for the employment of their trained seafarers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Bunker sales to Foreign Merchant Ships at Indian Ports during the year 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; and

(d) whether the Government plans to exempt bunker supply to merchant ships from GST which could generate employment for seafarers with more bunker barges and bringing huge amount of Foreign Investment to the country and if so, the details thereof?

Study of Hydro Power Projects in Himalayan Regions

4282. SHRIMATI RAKSHA
NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to make a study for construction of hydro

power projects especially in Himalayan regions involving geological instability and climate related disasters like flash floods and cloud bursts on account of the occurrence earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to take steps to save the hydro power development which are detrimental and put in place functional regulation and governance institutions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New Power Tariff Policy

4283. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to draft new power tariff policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the motive and objectives of the new power tariff policy; and

(d) the time by which the new policy is likely to come into effect?

New Schemes for Solar Power

4284. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started new schemes and programmes for taking the solar power to the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the component of subsidy therein; and

(c) the manner in which the benefits under these schemes could be availed by the intended beneficiaries?

Status of Solar Power Projects in Tamil Nadu

4285. SHRI MANICKAM
TAGORE B.:

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

(a) the details of projects, total investment and status of all solar power projects undertaken in Tamil Nadu since May 2014;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the expected outcome by way of investment for solar power projects in Tamil Nadu during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the actual power generation and financial implication during the said period?

Funds for Maintenance of NHs

†4286. SHRI CHANDESHWAR
PRASAD:

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

(a) the funds allocated by the Union Government to various States including Bihar for maintenance of National Highways (NHs) during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the work undertaken by the Government of Bihar in this

direction along with the funds utilised by it during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for adequate utilisation of the said funds?

Notice to Private Hospitals

†4287. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action by issuing show cause notice to such private hospitals till date which had been allotted land at concessional rates and are not complying with the terms and conditions of land lease deed which mandates providing free-of-cost medical treatment to poor patients in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Soil Erosion in Assam

4288. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

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

(a) whether any scheme/schemes are being implemented by the Government to control soil erosion by the river Brahmaputra in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes along with the funds allocated/utilized during each of the last three years, scheme-wise;

(c) whether any assessment has been made by the Government to check soil erosion in the river Brahmaputra during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of PSDF for Inter State Transmission Network

4289. SHRIMATI RATHVA
GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of present transmission lines;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to run these transmission lines in its full capacity and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Gujarat is unable to supply surplus power to power deficit States due to constraints in inter-regional transmission corridors and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has any plan for power deficit States and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to utilize the funds lying in Power System Development Fund (PSDF) for creation of sufficient inter-regional transmission links and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Union Government proposes to use PSDF for establishing inter-State transmission network and if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Dams

4290. SHRI GAUTAM
GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct dams at Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar-Vyasi in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand to resolve the problem of water shortage in National Capital Territory of Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the construction work of these dams is pending for the several years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken in this regard?

Shipping Development Projects

4291. SHRI MOHANBHAI
KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing shipping development projects in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a large number of ongoing shipping projects with private participation have missed their deadline for completion in the country and if so, the details thereof, along with the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review such projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the process of such review is likely to be completed; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for strengthening the shipping sector and make it internationally competitive?

Use of Farm Stubble in Power Plants

4292. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR
SAHU:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether mixing of farm stubble pellets will affect the efficiency in terms of gross calorific value and if so, the details thereof;

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

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

(e) whether the use of farm stubble in power plants will increase the power generation cost; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Encouragement to New Entrepreneurs

4293. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government encourages new entrepreneurs with structural and administrative setup under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details of new entrepreneurs registered since 2014 to till-date, State/UT and year-wise;

(c) the details of initiatives of the Government for the jute and handloom weavers under MSMEs projects; and

(d) the details of incentives, structural, technological support to MSME industries on manufacture and procurement benefits for farmers who grow jute and weavers of handloom of the country for these purposes?

Projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme

4294. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether five projects have been identified in Gujarat under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme to be completed in the coming three years;

(b) if so, the details of each of the five projects so identified; and

(c) the details of irrigation potential, flow of funds, share of State and the Union Government and the present status of each of the above projects?

Upgradation of Thiruvalla-Erumely Road

4295. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any representations from certain quarters for the upgradation of Thiruvalla-Erumely Road in Kerala under Central Road Fund (CRF);

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

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has recommended this road for upgradation under CRF; and

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

Construction of Airports

†4296. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Government has planned to construct airports in important district headquarters of States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the cities of various States where airports are proposed to be constructed in coming years including Ongole in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the parameters adopted by the Government to select places under this plan; and

(d) the places in Bihar identified for this purpose and whether Supaul district has also been included under this plan and if so, the details thereof?

Maintenance of Geotube

4297. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to improper maintenance of Geotube on the sea shores of Kakinada in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh is being affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Vehicular Pollution Check System

4298. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the existing system of vehicular pollution check is not fool-proof in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Managing Waqf Properties

4299. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a programme for cent per cent geo tagging and digitalisation of Waqf properties across the country and if so, the details thereof including its objectives;

(b) the number of Waqf properties across the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received the report of the committee to review Waqf properties lease rule;

(d) if so, the major recommendations of the Committee and the time by which action will be initiated on the said recommendations;

(e) whether the Central Waqf Council (CWC) is providing financial help to State Waqf Boards for digitalisation of Waqf records and if so, the details thereof including assistance provided during the last three years; and

(f) whether CWC has provided video conferencing facilities to State Waqf Boards and if so, the details thereof?

Survey on Homeless Urban Poor

†4300. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the homeless urban poor people in the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is working on any scheme for upliftment of the urban poor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals to provide financial assistance for acquiring requisite land for housing projects from the States/UTs including Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Unique IDs for Booking of Air Ticket

4301. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for passengers to book air tickets by providing unique IDs like Pan Card, Aadhaar Card or Passport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has consulted the stakeholders before taking the initiative forward and if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Karate Federation of India

4302. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing any assistance to Karate Federation of India, United Karate Do Association Assam and Barpeta District Karate Do Association for promotion of martial arts and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that one sportsperson from the district of Barpeta of Assam State got Gold at championship held in Durban, South Africa in 2018; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and assistance provided by the Union Government to the said sportsperson and to such other sportspersons?

Amaravati-Anantapur Expressway

4303. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started work on Amaravati-Anantapur Expressway;

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

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for completion of the said expressway;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to expedite the execution of the project for its early completion?

Programme for Development of Sports

4304. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Programme for Development of Sports launched by the Government and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the universities that have been selected under the programme as hubs of sporting excellence, State/UT-wise, including the criteria for selection;

(c) the steps being taken under the programme to cover 200 million children under a physical fitness drive;

(d) whether any athlete has been awarded scholarship under the programme during the current year and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken under the programme to create an active population with a healthy lifestyle?

Revival of Jet Airways

†4305. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making a significant effort to revive Jet Airways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such a situation of Jet Airways has occurred due to not taking timely decision on loan related proposal of SBI and if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the owner of Jet Airways has transferred huge amount of money from the said company to other companies in the name of commission and caused the Jet Airways to reach the stage of closure as a result of the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Broadcast of the Importance of Water Harvesting

4306. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to broadcast the importance of water harvesting in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps to be taken in this regard on priority basis?

Ground Water Pollution

4307. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether indiscriminate use of chemicals and fertilizers during the last three years is a major cause of rapidly increasing ground water pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the pollution of the ground water during the last three years?

Energy from Garbage Waste

4308. DR. M.K. VISHNU PRASAD:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities and towns where the project of generating energy from garbage waste has been started;

(b) the details of municipalities awaiting for taking off this project and pending NOC from the Government;

(c) the efforts taken by the Government to encourage more and more municipalities to go for such plants for recycling and energy generation;

(d) whether the specific grants are being given to various municipalities for starting such projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Haj Quota for Tamil Nadu

4309. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to increase the Haj Quota for Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Concession in Delhi Metro

4310. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides
or proposes to provide any concession to
students, handicapped persons and senior
citizens etc. in Delhi Metro;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

**Skill Development of
Minority Youth**

4311. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals/youth
who have received the skill development
training under the scheme for Skill
Development of Minorities;

(b) the number of women/girls from
minority groups who have been trained
under the scheme for Modular Employable
Skills (MES) since its inception; and

(c) the total number of Institutions/
Societies/Organisations/NGOs working
with the Ministry for the implementation
of the said schemes?

Replacement of Old Aircrafts

†4312. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time-limit fixed for replacing
the old aircrafts in a phased manner;

(b) whether several old aircrafts of
various airlines are still in operation;

(c) if so, the aircraft and company-
wise details thereof with regard to Air India
and private airlines;

(d) whether Air India proposes to
bring new aircrafts in place of the old ones;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Check on Level of Pollution and
Crowding on Roads in
Delhi and NCR**

†4313. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
received any representations or suggestions
to reduce the level of pollution and
crowding on roads in Delhi and NCR;

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

(c) whether the Government has fixed
any criteria for old diesel and petrol

vehicles through National Green Tribunal
(NGT); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Air Fare Hike

4314. SHRI H.
VASANTHAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high air fare as well as
high cancellation charges are being charged
by airlines for all the routes across the
country;

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

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

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

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to
have a reasonable air fare/cancellation/
reschedule charges in all airlines across the
country including foreign trips?

Rejuvenation of Mahananda River

4315. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI

जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lifeline of Siliguri
Mahananda River is dying due to utter

neglect and is in need of urgent river
rejuvenation program on the lines of
Namami Gange project and if so, the details
thereof;

(b) whether the towns of Darjeeling,
Siliguri, Kalimpong, Kurseong and Mirik
and the entire areas of Matigara and
Phansidewa are suffering from acute water
shortage since 2008; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the
steps proposed to be taken by the
Government in this regard?

Privatisation of Air India

†4316. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL
CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
prepared any draft for privatization of Air
India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of sale and purchase by
Air India during the last three years; and

(d) the funds released by the
Government to Air India during the last
three years?

**Construction of New Domestic
Airports**

†4317. SHRI SANJAY KAKA
PATIL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is likely to make a provision regarding construction of new domestic airports under regional connectivity scheme UDAN launched in September, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas reserved or likely to be reserved thereunder in the State of Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of the main objectives of the said scheme?

Construction Work on NH-8

†4318. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work is being undertaken on Delhi-Jaipur National Highway (NH)-8;

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

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

(d) whether the NH-8 is the busiest road; and

(e) if so, the efforts being made by the Government for reducing the traffic load on the said route?

Traditional and Modern System of Rain Water Harvesting

†4319. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI
जल शक्ति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is serious about depleting ground water level in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any measures at Centre level to tackle the situation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take corrective steps by including traditional and modern system of rain water harvesting in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme to Achieve Aims and Objectives of KVIC

†4320. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a concrete scheme to achieve aims and objectives of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details regarding the Market Development Assistance being implemented for the KVIC along with the salient features thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that clothes and other products of Khadi are very costly;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures likely to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to review the activities of KVIC with a

view to make it more result-oriented and if so, the details thereof?

Passenger Amenities

†4321. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to disinvest Air India;

(b) whether the number of passengers has increased substantially during the last several years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken specific steps to improve passenger amenities in view of the increasing number of air passengers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to improve air travel to Bundelkhand?

Financial Condition of Airlines

4322. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the financial condition of Air India and all the other private operators in the country;

(b) the details regarding the passenger traffic and revenues reported during the last five years of each of these airlines, year/airline-wise;

(c) the details regarding the Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPK) and Available Seat Kilometres (ASK) during the last four years; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government for improvement of financial condition of airlines in the country?

Removal/Reduction of Aviation Turbine Fuel Tax

4323. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to remove or reduce the Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) tax, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount received from this tax during the last five years; and

(c) whether the Government offers any rebates against this tax, if so, the details thereof?

Fixing of Air Fare

†4324. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has paid attention towards various irregularities being committed by the private airline

operators including arbitrary fixing of air fare by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has taken action against such erring private airlines;

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

(e) the steps taken or being taken by DGCA to bring transparency in regulating air fare by companies including private airlines?

Non-Operation of Civil Flights from Airports

†4325. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports set up by Airports Authority of India (AAI) where commercial operation of civil flights has not yet been started and are used only for landing of aircraft of flight training institutes as well as aircraft causing distinguished persons;

(b) the names of such airports in Maharashtra where commercial operation of flights has not been started so far;

(c) whether the Government are making efforts to start commercial operation of flights from such airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Airports

4326. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic airports being operated in the country at present which are proposed to be converted into international airports by the Government along with the names of these airports; and

(b) the time by which the Government plans to convert these airports into international airports?

Affordable Air Travel

†4327. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to make air travel affordable for common people, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the names of States where the said scheme is proposed to be implemented across the country particularly in Gaya district of Bihar?

Bihar under UDAN Yojana

†4328. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed/proposes to connect the small cities in Bihar with air-service under UDAN Yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any time limit has been fixed to complete this scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is proposing the revival and expansion of various existing airports in the small cities of Bihar at present;

(d) if so, the names of the cities thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special Air Service for Parkash Purab

4329. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Air India direct international flights from Amritsar in preparation for Guru Nanak Dev 550 Parkash Purab and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to start direct flights from Toronto to Amritsar and if so, the details thereof along with expected time of start of operation;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start direct flights for London and Amritsar sector also and if so, the details thereof along with expected date of start of operation; and

(d) whether the Government plans to re-negotiate the bilateral agreement with Arab countries for operating flights directly from India and if so, the details thereof?

Connecting Small Cities under UDAN Scheme

†4330. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether metro cities of the country have been connected with the small cities through air services with the unique 'UDAN' scheme of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the metros and cities connected through this scheme since the inception of the scheme till date;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start regular air services from Kishangarh (Ajmer) airport to Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, Lucknow, Guwahati, Amritsar etc.;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to start operation of large aircrafts and cargo planes on Kishangarh airport by strengthening and increasing the length of existing runway from present 6500 feet to 9000 feet keeping in view the availability of adequate land; and

(f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and the details in this regard?