

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Thursday, July 26, 2018/Shravana 4, 1940 (Saka)

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

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

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#### Solar Powered Airports

1381. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:  
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

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

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Super Critical Thermal Power Project in Maharashtra

1382. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

#### Distribution of Solar Pumps on Cheaper Rates

†1383. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

#### Households Lacking Toilet Facility

1384. SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Funds for Water Resources Management

1385. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

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

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

(a) the per capita allocation of funds for management and development of water resources especially in drought prone areas of the country during each of the last three years, State-wise including Bundelkhand; and

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

#### TRP of Doordarshan Channels

†1386. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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**Capacity Building in Textile Sector**

1387. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of Sports in Rural Areas**

†1388. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate any special fund for the promotion of sports in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

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

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

**Operation Schedule of Polavaram Project**

1389. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Increase in Time Slots of News Bulletins**

†1390. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the Government is planning to promote telecast/broadcast of such bulletins with a view to accord more importance to various regional languages in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Allocation of More Funds to States**

1391. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Health Services on NHs**

1392. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

**Funds under SBM**

1393. PROF. RICHARD HAY: SHRI GEORGE BAKER SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA: SHRI ANIL SHIROLE

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Solar based Light on NHs

1394. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

#### ODF Villages

1395. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Access to Electricity

1396. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Status of Atal Jyoti Yojana

1397. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

#### Fund NHs under HAM

1398. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO  
RAUT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

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

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

(f) if so, the response of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways thereon?

#### Election Campaign on FM Radio

1399. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for allowing election campaign on FM Radio;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

#### Construction Length of NHs

1400. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

#### Inclusion of Irrigation Projects under AIBP

1401. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to include major irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the projects included thereunder during the last two years, State/ location-wise?

#### Driving Training Institutions

†1402. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme 'Model Driving Training School' for setting up of driving training institutions in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the number of 'Model Driving Training Schools' in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals from other States including the State of Chhattisgarh for setting up of driving training institution during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on these proposals?

#### Entry at Airport without Identity Cards/Entry Pass

†1403. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CISF personnel allowed entry of certain persons who were carrying neither identity cards nor any airport entry pass at the time of arrival of a political party leader at Indore airport on 6/7/2018;

(b) if so, whether it is tantamount to compromising the security, the duties of CISF and airport authority, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take action against such persons by examining the CCTV footage who entered the airport without entry pass;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Urja Ganga Gaon

1404. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to declare some of the villages as Urja Ganga Gaon including those which are situated on the banks of Yamuna and Ganga rivers specially in Delhi/NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be started?

#### Salaries to Employees of PB

1405. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some employees of Prasar Bharati did not get their salaries for the month of February, 2018 on time;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that due to an internal clash between the Ministry

and Prasar Bharati the same problem had occurred in October, 2017 as well ; and

(c) if so, the reasons behind such repeated delays and action taken by the Government thereon?

#### Review on Stressed Power Projects

1406. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to meet the power project companies to take stock of the situation of stressed power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the difficulties and views exchanged by stressed power project companies and the Government in case the meeting has already taken place between the two sides; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by the Government and sops being given to safeguard the stressed power projects in the country?

#### Mandatory Safety Features in Cars

1407. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has made it mandatory for all cars manufactured after July, 2019 to have air bags for drivers, seat belt reminders, speeding alert systems beyond 80 kmph,

sensors for reverse parking to avoid accidents especially to children and manual overriders over central locking system for emergencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the motor vehicles of category M1 (cars) manufactured on and after the 1st day of July, 2019 have to comply with the additional safety features and its requirements stipulated in AIS-145-2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Drought Affected Districts**

†1408. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether drought affected districts/regions of some States including Jammu and Kashmir are facing drinking water crisis;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken along with funds allocated by the Government to these affected districts/regions on priority basis during each of the last three years and the current year so as to remove drinking water crisis State-wise/region-wise; and

(d) the details of concrete measures taken by the Government for the permanent solution of drinking water crisis in the country especially in some districts of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab?

#### **Cost Escalation in Highways**

1409. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shortage of sand has pushed up the cost of building highways in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has devised any alternative mechanism to reduce the cost of building highways in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been cost and time overrun in many National Highway projects in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State and project-wise;

(e) whether with the aim to minimize the cost overrun and delays in completion of highway projects the process of project preparation is being amended, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the corrective measures taken by the Government to expedite the work on these projects?

#### **Electrification of Villages**

†1410. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:  
SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of POWER  
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any time limit to electrify every village of the country under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of number of villages electrified in the country during the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of villages electrified so far and the number of them yet to be electrified under DDUGJY, State-wise, including Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether the Government has set any target to supply electricity to all the villages under electrification scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Arsenic and Fluoride Contamination in Water in Karnataka**

1411. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Integrated Management Information System 15 and 951 rural habitations were identified as arsenic and fluoride affected respectively in Karnataka as on 18th August, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their status as of April, 2018;

(c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to make them arsenic and fluoride free; and

(d) the details of technical and financial assistance provided to the State Government to deal with the above problem?

#### **Task Forces for Illegal Mining**

†1412. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted task forces at district level in various States to control the illegal mining;

(b) if so, the districts where said task forces have been constituted and those where these are yet to be constituted;

(c) the illegal miners caught by these task forces during the last three years, location-wise;

(d) the action taken against such illegal miners along with the number of miners which have been punished including the number of those against whom proceedings are still going on; and

(e) the laws in force at present to check illegal mining?

#### **Growth Rate of Air Passengers at Airports**

1413. DR. P.K. BIJU:  
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the yearly growth rate of air passengers in the country;

(b) whether Air India is in financial crisis despite impressive increase in number of air passengers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the number of air passengers in the country has gone up to more than 10 crore which is higher than railway passengers travelling in AC coaches and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the number of air passengers would increase further as the Government intends to set up more airports in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Installed Clean Energy Capacity

1414. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:  
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Country's installed clean (renewable) energy capacity has touched 70 Gigawatts (GW) recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this shows that India is progressing fast in the areas of renewable energy and it is committed to meet the target of having 175 GW renewable energy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any projects are under implementation in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of States with maximum renewable power generation in the country?

#### Targets under Drinking Water Schemes

†1415. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI  
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people targeted to be provided safe drinking water by the year 2022;

(b) whether any research work has been undertaken on a new technology to turn polluted water into safe drinking water in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the organisations engaged in promoting such research in the country; and

(e) the mechanism put in place by the Government for transfer of latest technology for the purpose?

#### Plant Load Factor

1416. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average plant load factor of power plants in the country is around 60%, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country can run its plants at 80% of plant load factor but coal is a constraint;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is necessary to import coal when the country has sufficient quantum of coal and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the country needs to have more railway lines to transport coal to power plants for timely availability of the same and if so, the details thereof?

#### Silt Deposits in Ganga and Yamuna Rivers

1417. SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct an inspection of locations having silt deposits in Ganga and Yamuna rivers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the date on which the said inspection was conducted along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether various States have raised their concern in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to remove silt deposits from Ganga and Yamuna rivers; and

(e) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for the purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which silt deposits are likely to be removed?

#### Banned Mines

†1418. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of operational and banned mines in the country, State-wise;

(b) the present condition of country wide operational mines along with their total production during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to re-open the banned mines; and

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

#### Proposals for Waterways

1419. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals under consideration of the Government for development of waterways in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to expedite these proposals in view of very low cost of transportation through waterways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the future action plan of the Government in this regard?

#### Drinking Water Projects

1420. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drinking water projects taken up in each State, district-wise including Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

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(b) the details of funds released and spent thereon during the said period, State/district-wise; and

(c) the details of ongoing/completed/pending drinking water projects in the country and the time by which all projects are likely to be completed in Andhra Pradesh?

### Flood Control

†1421. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

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

(a) whether several parts of the country are flooded during monsoon season every year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the existing flood management programmes, if any, being implemented in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to control flood in collaboration with the States concerned and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the flood control proposals received from various States including Madhya Pradesh along with the current status of each such proposal, State-wise?

### Projects in Odisha under Sagarmala Programme

1422. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects being executed under the Sagarmala Programme in Paradip Port Trust in Odisha;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop Paradip Port Trust Hospital under the Sagarmala Programme;

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

(d) the details of funds allocated and utilised for these projects during the last three years and the current year?

### Corporatize the NHs

1423. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to corporatize the National Highways Authority of India under the Companies Act, 1956;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that any such move will badly affect the current set up of NHAI and the road construction activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Subsidy on Solar Panels

†1424. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide subsidy on solar panels etc. in order to promote solar energy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

### Setting up of Research Institute for Renewal Energy

1425. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any research institute for Bio-gas, Bio-diesel and Solar energy in the country including Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked and sanctioned for the purpose?

### Para-Athletics under Khelo India Scheme

†1426. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions made for the training of sportspersons for Para-athletics under Khelo India Scheme in the country;

(b) the annual budgetary allocation made for the purpose;

(c) the progress made by India in the Paralympic/Commonwealth Games; and

(d) the other measures being taken to encourage and promote sportspersons along with the future plans made in this regard?

### Flood Management Projects

†1427. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

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

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

(a) the number of Flood Management Projects (FMPs) sanctioned by the Central Water Commission during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the funds allocated and released for these projects during the said period, State-wise?

### Procurement of Aggregate Power

1428. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN: SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a Pilot Scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 2500 MW on competitive basis for three years under medium term without Power Purchase Agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with maximum capacity allotted off-take contracted capacity and tariff fixed;

(c) whether the main purpose of the scheme is to revive the commissioned power plants which are unable to sell

electricity in the absence of valid power purchase agreements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### SAI Training Centres

1429. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of work on new Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centre at Meham in Haryana;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up such centre at Rohtak and Sirsa also and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) whether work on these centres is progressing as per schedule and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the investment made by the Government thereon so far along with the time by which these centres are likely to be made fully operational and ready to impart training to sportspersons; and

(e) the details of sports/games which are likely to be included for training at these centres?

#### Flood Forecasting Stations

1430. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission (CWC) is the nodal organization entrusted with the task of flood forecasting the early flood warnings in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of flood forecasting stations established in the country especially in the Hathras region of Uttar Pradesh, so far, State-wise;

(c) the number of stations modernized with automatic data collection and transmission systems so far in the country including the said region;

(d) whether the Government has decided to establish more flood forecasting stations as part of its e-Surface Water Information System (e-SWIS) for timely dissemination of flood forecast in the country especially Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of States/UTs including river basins covered under the existing flood forecasting network?

#### Works under SBM

†1431. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the works done so far under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in Sheohar district of Bihar;

(b) the number of people benefited under the SBM in Sheohar district of Bihar; and

(c) the details of the works that remained to be completed till date in

the district under the SBM and the time by which these are likely to be completed?

#### Introduction of New Air Services

†1432. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new air service from Madhya Pradesh to other States has been started;

(b) if so, the cities where these services have been started;

(c) whether any new air service is proposed to be started between the cities of Madhya Pradesh and other cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and whether any time frame has been fixed in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has announced or proposes to create a new international airport in Madhya Pradesh; and

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

#### Clean Drinking Water

1433. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to provide clean drinking water to all household in a certain time-frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of rural households who are connected to clean drinking water facilities; and

(d) the data of the increase in percentage of the rural households connected to clean drinking water facilities during the last three years, year-wise?

#### AAI Stake in Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport

1434. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is considering to purchase a controlling stake in Sri Lanka's Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport thereby gaining the ownership of the airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its commercial viability and the amount of funds earmarked for investment; and

(c) whether the AAI would build a flying school and a maintenance, repair and overhaul unit at the airport and if so, the details thereof?

#### Bridges Constructed on NHs

†1435. KUNWAR SARVESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges being constructed on National Highways in



Uttar Pradesh under the Setu Bharatam project;

(b) the allocation made for this purpose in the current year's budget;

(c) the current status of construction of the said bridges in Uttar Pradesh under the said scheme; and

(d) the time by which the NHs in Uttar Pradesh are likely to be free of railway level crossings?

#### Scrapping of Old Private Vehicles

1436. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time period after which the private vehicles are to be scrapped compulsorily and the details of policy in this regard, if any, under the consideration of the Government;

(b) the penalty for toll tax operators if they refuse to use Fasttag deliberately;

(c) the pending amount for collection of toll from Dasna Toll in Ghaziabad and time left for finishing the toll; and

(d) whether there are complaints that the said toll is being run by Goons who collect toll arbitrarily, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps proposed in this regard?

#### Appointment to Various Posts in Sports Clubs

1437. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to impose some regulation/restriction for holding of various posts like President and Secretary in all sports clubs in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has decided that Government employee will be appointed for only one time/tenure to these posts; and

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

#### Guidelines on the Use of Ground Water

†1438. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where the ground water level is continuously depleting due to its excessive exploitation by the people;

(b) the quantum of ground water in cubic kilolitres being extracted in such States annually and the purpose for which it is being utilised;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the States in order to prohibit excessive exploitation of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Monitoring of Villages adopted under SAGY

1439. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to monitor the developmental activities in progress in 700 odd villages adopted by the Members of Parliament (MPs) under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal pending with the Government to rank the villages adopted by MPs under SAGY in terms of Village Development Plan (VDP) and 35-Point Impact Indicator called Panchayat darpan and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any field study is proposed to be undertaken by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to fund the projects recommended by the MPs in the villages adopted by them under SAGY and if so, the details thereof?

#### New NHs & Expansion of Existing NHs

1440. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN

R.K.:

SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL

NATHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to execute many National Highways projects including new NHs and expansion of existing NHs in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total cost of the each project envisaged;

(c) whether the Government has plans to provide suitable compensation package for the land owners for acquisition of their land;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated for the same; and

(e) whether this amount would be disbursed directly by the Union Government to the land owners or through the Government of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

#### Establishment of Transmission Systems

1441. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transmission systems established under the Green Energy Corridor project; and

(b) the total capacity added due to the establishment of these transmission systems?

#### Status of Implementation of SAGY

1442. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of implementation of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of adopted villages under SAGY, State/UTs -wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and utilised so far, State/UT-wise?

#### Auction of Mineral Blocks

1443. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is looking to auction more than 100 blocks over the next 15 months with a potential value of about Rs. 2 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government aims to spur increased interest in the upcoming auctions of 34 mineral blocks that are still in the pipeline and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the new norms also have a clause to discourage miners from squatting on mine leases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Status of Implementation of UDAY

1444. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government acknowledges that there has been an increase in the reported AT&C losses across various States DISCOMS during the current fiscal year contrary to the objective envisaged under the UDAY and if so, the details along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the details regarding performance of State DISCOMS during the current year and the last three years particularly with respect to AT&C losses; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the AT&C losses occurring in the DISCOMS during the last three years and the current year?

#### Delay in Payment of Wages under MGNREGS

1445. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME

GOWDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delay in payment of wages to workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there have been instances of denial of wages due to lack of Aadhaar Card or problems in payment through Aadhaar Payment Bridge;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to overcome these problems; and

(d) whether the compensation to be paid on account of delay of payment is also being delayed and if so, the details thereof?

#### Installed Capacity of Solar & Wind Power

1446. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR

PANDEY:

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current installed capacity for solar and wind power in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the roadmap, for creation of installed capacity for solar and wind power during the next three years, State-wise; and

(c) the initiatives taken by the Government to promote renewable energy in Jharkhand?

#### Disposal of Fly Ash

1447. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fly ash disposal is an area of concern for the Government as about 176 million tonnes of the fly ash is generated every year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether only 63 per cent of the fly ash is being utilized currently, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a 1,000 MW thermal power plant requires approximately 250 acres of land to dump its fly ash; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Performance Based Budget

1448. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce Central budgetary support to States lagging in implementation of projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the States which have not implemented NH-Projects within time-frame in the last three years; and

(e) the details of coordination made by the Ministry in the last three years to improve the role of States for implementing NH-Projects in time?

#### Removal of Liquor Shops

†1449. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI

TUMANE:

SHRIMATI REKHA

VERMA:

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efforts of the Government for removal of liquor shops situated on the National Highways have been carried out properly and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) the details of the locations where the said shops have been relocated;

(c) whether the shopkeepers of the said shops have been given any compensation to offset the loss likely to be caused by the said relocation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safety and Welfare of Seafarers**

1450. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to safeguard the interest of Indian crew members aboard foreign vessels specially in exigencies like pirate hijacking or fatal accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether implementation of the relevant Maritime Act/Laws by the Government has been lax in such cases and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the retired seafarers have protested by hunger strike against discontinuance of the monthly ex-gratia allowance and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Seafarers Welfare Fund Society has been set up for the welfare of Indian seafarers and their families;

(e) if so, the details of objectives, functions and achievements thereof along with the funds released for the purpose so far; and

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

#### **Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme**

†1451. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by the Government to the State of Madhya Pradesh under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS);

(b) whether the Government has formulated any action plan with regard to providing better employment opportunities for the youth linking this scheme with Make-in-India programme of the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pending Proposals**

†1452. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) total number of proposals received from the State Government of

Maharashtra by the Union Government during the last three years relating to mining activities;

(b) the number out of them approved along with the number of those still pending; and

(c) the steps taken to approve the pending proposals at the earliest?

#### **Wind Mill Project at Palakkad, Kerala**

1453. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of National Hydroelectric Power Corporations (NHPC's) wind mill project at Palakkad in Kerala;

(b) whether there is any time line set for the setting up of this project;

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

(d) whether the delay has already caused cost escalation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Potential of Hydro Power Production**

†1454. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the potential of hydro power production in the country at present;

(b) whether different agencies have been entrusted with the work of survey

for assessment/study of this potential, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of hydro power being generated in the different States of the country at present;

(d) the details of hydro power projects remaining incomplete for different reasons and the amount spent on the projects so far;

(e) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to assess the loss due to delay in completion of these projects; and

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

#### **Ganderbal Hydroelectric Power Project**

1455. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 93 MW New Ganderbal Hydroelectric Power Project work has not been started if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether no progress has been made yet despite the allotment of the project work to HCC; and

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

#### **National Waterways Projects in NER**

1456. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Waterways approved during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) the details and the present status of waterways projects approved and being implemented in North-Eastern Region (NER), project-wise;

(c) the details of the time-frame set for completion and operationalization of these waterways in NER, project-wise;

(d) whether there are any time or cost overrun in completion of these projects in NER; and

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

#### **Production of New & Renewable Energy**

1457. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of production of energy from new and renewable energy sources in the country;

(b) whether the Government is keen to give more importance to solar power production;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue new directions to install solar panels at all Government buildings of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ecological Impact Assessments**

1458. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway projects have been/are being delayed due to late submission of Ecological Impact Assessments (EIA), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has drawn any mechanism to speed up the process and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several NH projects have been shelved for want of environmental clearance and if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Sports Centres for Differently-abled Persons**

1459. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a state-of-the-art national sports centre in the country for differently-abled persons to enable them to effectively compete in Paralympics, Deaflympics, Special Olympics and various other international sports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to identify differently-abled persons for training to enable them to

participate in such international events through these centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Setting up of Rooftop Solar Grids**

1460. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS: SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up rooftop solar grids across the country, especially in Rajasthan and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which they are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Approved Highway Projects**

1461. SHRI CHHOTE LAL: ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR: ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently approved highway projects worth Rs. 7 lakh crore;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to realize the much required fund for this mega plan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which job opportunities will increase following implementation of the highway projects?

#### **Back-end Infrastructure under SAUBHAGYA**

1462. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAUBHAGYA Scheme does not provide for any back end system infrastructure improvement (HT network including 11KV/33KV lines, transformers etc.), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the earlier Central Schemes like RGGVY scheme provided approximately Rs.2100 per household and DDUGJY scheme provides approximately Rs.50000 for household for this purpose, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is considering any provision for allowing backend infrastructure cost under SAUBHAGYA scheme as allowed under RGGVY & DDUGJY scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Introduction of New Flights**

†1463. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

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

(a) the policy to introduce new flights in the country;

(b) the names of places for which flights have been introduced during the last four years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether proposal to introduce flights from Barmer, Rajasthan has been received;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government on the said proposal?

#### Review of Target under PMAY

1464. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the target for construction of houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) by 2018-19;

(b) the number of houses constructed during 2016-17 which were sanctioned for that year itself and the number of houses constructed in 2016-17 to clear backlogs of the previous years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review the target under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to increase the pace of construction of houses to meet the target?

#### Power Storage Technologies

1465. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply of power in the country as on date;

(b) the details regarding extent of power storage technologies/instruments and their usage in the country;

(c) whether the country has adequate supply of lithium for the production of power-storage devices at present and in the future and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantity of lithium imported from foreign countries at present and the measures being taken to cut import of lithium?

#### Progress of PMGSY

1466. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the details of villages connected and yet to be connected by road, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of PMGSY in various States;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to implement the scheme effectively?

#### Aerial Survey by GSI on Base Metals

1467. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that base metals like lead, zinc have been found in Gollapalle in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh as per the aerial survey conducted by GSI, NGRI, Atomic Mineral Directorate, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits of such metals and the plan of action of the Government to explore the same?

#### World Bank Aid for Ground Water Management

1468. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved 6,000 crore to India to improve ground water management in priority areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified priority areas where the scheme is to be launched and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 1034 out of 6584 blocks are over exploited as per the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB); and

(d) if so, the detailed plan chalked out by the Government for the purpose and utilization of this fund?

#### Lighting at Helipads in Lakshadweep

1469. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide proper lighting at all helipads in Lakshadweep Islands so as to enable helicopters to land and take off during the night time;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether any representations have been received in this regard; and

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

#### Performance under SBM

1470. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the worst performing districts under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM-G) when it comes to having Open Defecation Free villages under SBM-G;

(b) whether the rate of construction of toilets is increasing anywhere between three times and 44 times in some districts of the country;

(c) the main reasons for poor progress in household coverage of toilets in the country;

(d) whether the Government has launched any campaign through wall writings, hoardings and banner in villages to construct toilets by explaining the

negative health impacts of open defecation and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to convert dysfunctional toilets into functional ones under SBM-G?

#### **Congestion at Airports**

1471. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Solar Technology Development & Deployment in ISA Member Countries**

1472. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the signing of Host Country Agreement between India and International Solar Alliance (ISA) is likely to lead to accelerated solar technology development and deployment in ISA member countries including India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of proposed projects with locations selected under the new agreement?

#### **Operation of Flights**

1473. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken a decision not to allow foreign airline companies to operate flights from Kannur and Vijayawada Airports;

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

(c) whether the Government would allow operation of international flights from Kannur considering the benefit for large number of passengers from Malabar region of Kerala; and

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

#### **Mid-flight Engine Damage**

1474. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(b) the time by which work on the said expressway is likely to be started?

#### **Par-Tapi-Narmada Rivers Link**

†1477. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

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

(a) the extent to which progress has been made by the Government to link Par-Tapi-Narmada rivers;

(b) whether DPR has been prepared in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of works to be executed after preparation of DPR so as to complete the said link for the benefit of the common man?

#### **Rural Development Schemes**

1478. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes introduced by the Union Government for rural development at present;

(b) the details of rural development schemes being implemented in the districts falling under Mahbubnagar Parliamentary Constituency;

(c) the number of beneficiaries, males and females benefited under such schemes during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 through banking, rural

(a) the total number of passenger jet to have suffered mid-flight engine damage or technical difficulties while flying during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) whether steps have been taken by the Government to avoid the occurrence of near disaster-like situations with mid-flight engine damage;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Future Demand for Potable Water**

1475. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by NITI Aayog has found that India is facing its worst water crisis in the history and that the demand for potable water will outstrip supply by 2030, if steps are not taken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps proposed to be taken to face such a situation?

#### **Construction of Delhi-Jaipur Expressway**

†1476. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for not according highest priority to the construction of Delhi-Jaipur Expressway; and

banking postal services and by- hand; and

(d) the quantum of funds released for the above purpose for the districts falling under Mahbubnagar Parliamentary Constituency for the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

#### Projects in Kerala under Sagarmala Programme

1479. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects sanctioned in the State of Kerala under the Sagarmala Programme;

(b) the details of estimated expenditure for these projects along with the allocation of funds for the purpose during the current year;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala regarding Azheekal Container-cum-Passenger Terminal under this Programme; and

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

#### Village Connectivity under PMGSY

1480. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect all the villages through the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which the work for connecting all villages in Jharkhand under PMGSY would be completed?

#### Surveillance System in Toll Plazas

1481. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to install video surveillance system in all the toll plazas to monitor traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the toll plazas where this system will be installed in first phase;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total cost to cover all toll plazas in the country by this system?

#### Road Projects

†1482. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to complete all its road projects by March, 2019;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to expedite these works; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Rain Water Harvesting

1483. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has proposed to launch any scheme for rainwater harvesting both for irrigation of cultivable land and domestic use;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of rapid depletion and excessive exploitation of ground water; and

(d) if so, the steps being planned by the Government to address this serious issue?

#### Drinking Water Supply Schemes

1484. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received representations from various State Governments to provide financial assistance for the implementation of rural drinking water supply schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has reduced the Central share in drinking water schemes; and

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

#### Expenditure on Advertisements

1485. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union and the State Governments on Government Publicity campaigns in the electronic media during the last three years;

(b) whether it was really needed to highlight the Government programmes/schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not utilising the human resources who were associated with these schemes/programmes for the said purpose?

#### Disbursement of Old Age, Disability and Widow Pensions

1486. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organise a training programme for bankers to resolve technical issues related to disbursement of old age, disability and widow pensions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of other issues including the hurdles cropping up on account of Aadhaar linking and seeding thereunder;

(c) whether the pension beneficiaries are forced to visit either banks or social welfare offices to claim their increased amount of pension;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Telecast of Vulgar Programme**

†1487. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a vulgar programme under the name 'AIB' on the lines of foreign programmes was telecast by Bollywood actors some years ago, which is still on You Tube;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such type of vulgar and obscene programmes are banned in future in view of culture and civilization of the country?

**Diversion of River Brahmaputra**

1488. SHRI NINONG ERING:

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

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

(a) whether the river Brahmaputra (known as Siang) in Arunachal Pradesh is being diverted by China towards their Xinjiang Province by constructing a 1,000 km. tunnel and if so, the details and the facts thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to counter the move as per International Waters Treaty, if any; and

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

**Sale of Air India**

1489. KUNWAR  
BHARATENDRA:

DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:  
SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:  
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:  
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:  
SHRI MALLIKARJUN  
KHARGE:  
PROF. RAVINDRA  
VISHWANATH  
GAIKWAD:  
SHRI SISIR KUMAR  
ADHIKARI:  
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any revision of terms of sale of Air India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has constituted a committee to work out the modalities to prepare a bailout package for Air India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Air India has any shortage of funds to pay the salary of its staff and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total assets and liabilities of Air India as of now;

(e) whether Air India would be split into five parts with four of them being offered for sale while the fifth would be an SPV that would remain with the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to bailout Air India including details of funds infused by the Government during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

**Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

1490. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has adopted recommendations/measures for the implementation of national standards for electric vehicle charging stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to do so; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**PMAY**

1491. SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed for rural people under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) the number of houses constructed for rural people under the erstwhile Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);

(c) the quantum of funds utilized on the said projects till date; and

(d) the number of houses which are fully constructed and those which are under construction under both the schemes?

**Irrigation Facilities**

†1492. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH  
BHOLE:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

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

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

(a) whether the Union Government has released/proposes to release additional funds apart from the present allocation to provide irrigation facilities to the farmers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the amount thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be allocated?

**Facilities to Air Passengers**

1493. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI ANURAG SINGH  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has launched AirSewa app to ensure timely and effective handling of customer grievances and to disseminate real-time data and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has notified the Draft Passenger Charter defining rights for air passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Digi Yatra initiative/scheme has been launched to transform the flying experience for passengers and if so, the details of progress and achievements made so far under the scheme and the manner in which it would contribute to the aim of 'Digital India';

(d) whether the Government has permitted to offer internet services and mobile services on-board an aircraft and if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken by the Government to raise



the customer satisfaction level of the fliers;

(e) whether a large number of complaints of predatory pricing by Airlines in emergency conditions have come to the notice of Government and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, Airline-wise and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken to ensure passenger safety and avoid unruly behaviour by air passengers?

#### **New Major Port at Dugarajapatanam**

1494. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:  
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASA  
RAO (AVANTHI):  
SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of setting up of a new Major Port at Dugarajapatanam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to invite bids for execution of the said project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the work on the said project is likely to be started; and

(d) the details of projects taken up under the Sagarmala Programme in the State of Andhra Pradesh in view of its long coastline?

#### **UDAY in Tamil Nadu**

1495. SHRI K.N.  
RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN  
R.K.:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has provided adequate funds and support under the Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) for Government of Tamil Nadu to mitigate the problems arising due to losses incurred and debts accrued by the TANGEDCO and TNEB over a long period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount released so far, out of the total grants;

(c) whether the Union Government has plans to increase the power allocation to Tamil Nadu from the centrally operated power projects including the KKNP1 & 2 and MAPS 1&2 as well as other such power projects;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to support New Power projects at Cheyyur, Udankudi and other places in Tamil Nadu to match its increasing power demands?

#### **Funds under PMKSY**

1496. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state the funds allocation to Assam under Pradhan Mantri Krishi

Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and to combat erosion in the State during the last three years?

#### **Targets Fixed for Works under MGNREGS**

†1497. SHRIMATI DARSHANA  
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last one year and the achievements made therein, State/UT-wise separately for Surat district of Gujarat; and

(b) the number of people provided jobs and the number of mandays created under the said scheme, State/UT-wise, separately for Surat district of Gujarat?

#### **Reservation to SCs/STs in PRIs**

†1498. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 73rd amendment of the constitution provides for reservation of seats for scheduled castes/scheduled tribes in Panchayati Raj Institution;

(b) if so, whether the non-compliance of said provision in urban and rural local bodies in any State and Union Territory will be considered as failure of

constitutional mechanism and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 passed by Parliament was enforced in scheduled areas and States were expected to enact law related to Panchayats within one year;

(d) if so, the names of States which have followed the said instruction before expiry of the said time period along with the names of States/UTs which have not followed the said instruction along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the guidelines being issued by the Union Government to State Governments for disposal of important matters like transfer of minor forest produce to Gram Sabha in Scheduled areas?

#### **Cleaning of Ganga River and its Tributaries**

†1499. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons identified for increasing pollution levels in various rivers of the country including the Ganga and its tributaries;

(b) whether any measures by the Government are being considered to check and reduce this increasing pollution level in rivers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the schemes launched by the Government during the last three years to mitigate the pollution in Ganga

river and its subsidiaries/tributaries along with the extent of success achieved through these schemes including tapping of said tributaries;

(d) the targets fixed by the Government for making the rivers pollution free; and

(e) whether the Government has formulated any concrete policy for water conservation and if so, the details thereof?

#### Gap between Demand and Generation of Power

1500. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:  
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the utilization of electricity in the country has increased during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of demand and generation of power in the country during each of the last two years and the current year so far, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap;

(d) whether Union Government proposes to set up more power plants in the country to tide over the gap between demand and generation and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any new projects have been approved by the Government under the Central Scheme in the country, especially to Gujarat and Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

#### Restructured Schemes of RGSA

1501. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched new restructured scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), for developing governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(b) whether a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman-NITI Aayog was constituted to restructure the existing scheme of his Ministry as RGSA;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made therein;

(d) the salient features of the activities taken under RGSA for PRIs;

(e) whether Gram Kisan Sabhas have been organized in Panchayats across the country under RGSA, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Telangana; and

(f) the details of the monitoring mechanism proposed to help PRIs deliver Sustainable Development Goals?

#### Mining University

1502. SHRI VINOD  
LAKHAMASHI  
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details about the mining educational courses in the country, if any;

(b) whether there is any plan to introduce the new special mining university in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Potential of Hydro and Thermal Power

1503. SHRI MALLIKARJUN  
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the thermal and hydro power generated during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the quantity of coal imported and indigenously produced during each of the last three years and likely to be imported and domestically produced in the next three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has adopted new hydropower projects in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken to tap the potential of hydro and thermal power generation in the country?

#### Escalating Cost of Drinking Water

†1504. SHRIMATI JYOTI  
DHURVE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the escalating cost in providing pure drinking water by the Government and private institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Road Accidents

†1505. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of road accidents reported and the number of persons killed in these accidents across the country during the last one year and the steps taken to check these accidents;

(b) whether the number of road accidents reported and the persons died in these accidents has declined as compared to previous years and if not, the effective steps taken for checking these accidents; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any insurance cover or provide compensation to the families/relatives of the people died in the road accidents?

#### Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata Yojana

1506. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI S.R.  
VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had launched Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS) Yojana for handloom weavers and if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;

(b) the ratio of sharing of financial assistance between the Government and beneficiary;

(c) the total financial assistance provided by the Government under the HSS Yojana till date, State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of handloom weavers benefited from the HSS till date, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the monitoring mechanism developed by the Government in this regard?

#### Direct Benefit Transfer under MGNREGS

†1507. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:  
SHRIMATI RANJEET  
RANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to counter corruption in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) all types of payments to workers will be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through banks and presently 94 percent of payments are being made directly to the beneficiaries accounts and the electronic fund management system has been made mandatory since April for its successful implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for non-resolution of the problem of delayed payments even after making direct payment into accounts of 94 percent people;

(c) whether the people not in possession of proper documents would be deprived of this scheme after implementation of DBT;

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

(e) the other steps taken/being taken for removal of corruption prevailing at other levels of MGNREGS?

#### Fixing of Leaking Taps

1508. SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to fix leaking taps in public facilities for conserving water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to monitor loss of water due to poor plumbing in Government as well as private residential areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Women Employment Rate under MGNREGS

1509. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether women employment rate under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has increased or decreased over the years in rural areas;

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

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide non-transient/stable jobs to women workers to increase women participation under MGNREGS;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Detection of Accidents

†1510. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:  
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to introduce a system to detect accidents and traffic jams across the stretches of Highways in the country especially in the monsoon season;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the stretches have identified to introduce the system in the first phase, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the system will be operated by private parties/contractors, if so, whether the bidding has been called for;

(e) if so, the details of the mechanism to be followed; and

(f) whether the Government has allocated funds for the maintenance of National Highways and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### Facilities at Calicut/Kozhikode Airport

1511. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:  
SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:  
SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has made any inspection recently on the existing facilities at Kozhikode airport, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any report has been submitted in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the said report;

(c) whether any International Carrier has requested for services to Calicut International Airport and if so, the details thereof and the action taken for reinstating the services of those airlines that stopped services on the sector as the runway is completely open now;

(d) the action taken by the Government to commence the service of wide-body aircraft at the Calicut International Airport;

(e) whether the runway re-carpeting works at Calicut International Airport in Kerala has been completed, if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Airports Authority of India has approved and directed the DGCA to permit operation of Code E aircraft from Calicut Airport and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government is ready to retain the Haj embarkation point at Nedumbassery International Airport along with Calicut and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Installation of Solar Pumps**

†1512. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals for installation of solar pumps in the hand pumps installed in the Gram Panchayats and Government schools/hostels in various States including Madhya Pradesh;

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

(c) if not, whether the Union Government proposes to launch any scheme in this regard; and

(d) the arrangements made by the Union Government to provide grants for the purpose?

#### **Ground Water Contamination**

1513. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to solve ground water contamination problem in rural areas;

(b) the number of cases relating to ground water contamination received and disposed of during each of the last four years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the amount allocated in this regard under National Rural Drinking Water Programme during the said period; and

(d) the number of Water Quality Testing Laboratories functioning throughout the country presently, State/UT-wise?

#### **National & Multinational Motor Companies**

1514. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National and Multinational motor companies are putting

hold on their investment due to Supreme Court ban on diesel vehicles;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of this and appropriate comprehensive measures to increase investments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Preparation for Tokyo Olympics**

†1515. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

DR. BHARATIBEN D.

SHYAL:

SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for procurement of state-of-the-art sports equipments and setting up of world class stadiums with training facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the allocation of funds for procurement of state-of-the-art sports equipments for preparation of Tokyo Olympics-2020; and

(d) whether the Government has allocated/utilised funds in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Old Bridges in Maharashtra**

†1516. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges in Maharashtra which have outlived their life;

(b) whether there are bridges in Maharashtra on which the passage of vehicles is dangerous;

(c) if so, whether any time-bound scheme has been formulated by the Government regarding construction of new bridges at the said places; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Drainage System for Public Toilets**

1517. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure that the public toilets constructed have water supply and a proper drainage system and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the proper waste treatment plants are set up to prevent diseases and to avoid untreated waste being discharged into the rivers?

### Setting up of Air Traffic Control Towers

1518. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has ensured to set up Air Traffic Control (ATC) Towers at all the airports under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS);

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

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to ensure to upgrade the technical requirements and the manpower shortage of the ATC staff across the country for the successful functioning of the RCS; and

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

### Closed Jute Mills

†1519. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Limited (NJMC) have initiated steps for the revival of closed jute mills in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any suggestion from NITI Aayog for revival of closed RBHM jute mill in Katihar, Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### No Fly List

1520. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared no-fly list including for private airlines;

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

(c) whether the no-fly list has cut down unruly flyers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the new guidelines issued/implemented/violations noticed so far; and

(e) the action taken by the Government on any such violations?

### Restrictions on Check-in Baggage

1521. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:  
SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether private airlines have restricted the number of pieces of check-in baggage to one weighing 15 Kg or less for economy class passengers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government would intervene and direct the airlines to revert to the earlier system of restricting the check-in baggage to 15 kg irrespective of number of pieces for the benefit of economy class passengers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the current status of the directions of the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has approved extra luggage charge from air passengers and if so, the details thereof?

### Thermal Power Plants

†1522. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:  
SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of thermal power being generated in the country;

(b) whether the thermal power plants are functioning at less than half of their capacity;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Central Electricity Authority has warned that the thermal power plants are likely to be affected badly by the unexpected increase in the renewable energy generation capacity in the ensuing years;

(e) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government for increasing the power generation with a view to ensure availability of more power in the country?

### Funds to Andhra Pradesh under PMAY

1523. SHRI M. MURALI  
MOHAN:  
DR. GOKARAJU GANGA  
RAJU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during the last three years;

(b) the names of districts in the State covered under the said scheme; and

(c) the number of houses constructed/likely to be constructed in East and West Godavari districts of the State under the said scheme?

### Sanctioned Mines

†1524. SHRI LALLU SINGH:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:  
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned mines in the country and Uttar Pradesh so far and the number out of them which are operational at present along with the number of those falling under the private sector;

(b) whether all these mines comply with the safety and environment conservation norms and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether some of these mines have been closed down or are on the verge of closure due to violation of these norms and if so, the details thereof?

### Training to Youths

1525. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths trained during the last six years along with the number of such trained youths remained unemployed;

(b) the number of Skill Development Centres set up during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of funds spent on the training of youths during the said period along with the unspent funds, if any, year-wise; and

(d) the unemployment rate in the country during the said period, year-wise?

#### National Sports University, Manipur

1526. DR. THOKCHOM  
MEINYA:  
SHRI CHANDRAKANT  
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sports University, Manipur proposes to set up outlying Campuses, Colleges, and Study Centres in various parts of the country as well as outside the country; and

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof?

#### New Road Construction under PMGSY

†1527. SHRI RAM KUMAR  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether new roads have been constructed to develop rural areas under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last four years;

(b) if so, the length of rural roads in kilometers constructed during the said period in each State of the country along with the total expenditure incurred in each State on the construction of these roads from March 2014 to March 2018; and

(c) the length in kilometer of two lane and four lane roads out of the newly constructed roads, State/UT-wise?

#### Profitability of Ports

†1528. SHRI MANSHANKAR  
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government ports that earned profit during each of the last three years along with the steps taken to ensure profitability of these ports;

(b) the details of Government ports that incurred losses during the said period along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of small, medium and major ports being developed in the country and the structural reforms proposed to be undertaken in their construction and management to ensure their profitability?

#### Public and Private Toilets

†1529. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether public and private toilets have been constructed in every State of the country since the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) if so, the number of these toilets constructed in each State separately till March, 2018;

(c) the estimated quantum of human waste generated in each State in solid and liquid form by the use of these toilets in a year;

(d) whether the scheme/projects for processing or disposing of this waste has also been formulated in these four years; and

(e) if so, the disposal and processing capacity of these projects in each State till March, 2018?

#### Wage Rates under MGNREGS

†1530. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH  
KULASTE:  
SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether minimum wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are same across the country;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the said scheme during the last five years in the country, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether the provisions of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act are being violated in the States where the wages

are lower than minimum rates prescribed under MGNREGS;

(e) the reasons for differential rates of wages in Madhya Pradesh and its border areas despite having similar geographical conditions; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to implement uniform wages in these States and if so, the details thereof?

#### Implementation of MGNREGS

1531. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large percentage of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) wages have remained unpaid in April, 2018 as per findings of the NREGA Sangharsh Morcha that tracks the implementation of the rural employment scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the stagnant wage rates and delays of payments to workers under MGNREGS has caused an alarming situation across the country; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

#### Renewable Energy Capacity

1532. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) the country's renewable energy capacity by giving separate details for wind, solar, bio-power and hydro-power energy as of June, 2018; and

(b) the quantum of this energy capacity installed since June, 2014, source-wise?

#### **Impact of Decline in Ground Water Level**

1533. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that decline in the ground water level has led to drinking water problems in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any concrete action plan in this regard and to harvest rain water so as to get rid of this problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lignite Resources**

1534. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of MINES  
खान मंत्री

be pleased to state that the details of total geological resources of Lignite in the country in Million tonnes as on date, State and depth-wise?

#### **Linkage of MGNREGS to Agriculture Sector**

1535. PROF. A.S.R. NAIK:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Telangana has recommended to the Union Government for the linkage of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with agriculture sector as well; and

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

#### **Old Age & Widow Pension Scheme**

†1536. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the States to review old age pension and widow pension and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the proposals received during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend the old age pension and widow pension schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantum of funds provided as assistance by the Union Government along

with the number of beneficiaries under the old age pension and widow pension schemes, State/UT-wise?

#### **Electricity Connection under SAUBHAGYA**

†1537. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijali Har Ghar Yojana SAUBHAGYA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and free power connection provided to APL and BPL families, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether APL and BPL families are not being provided power connection under SAUBHAGYA scheme in several States especially in Bihar if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Centre and State Government have held talks in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Solar Park Scheme**

1538. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Targets under PMGSY**

1539. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether used plastic is being reused to construct the roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of physical and financial targets under PMGSY for the year 2018-19, State/UT-wise; and

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(d) the details of targets achieved under PMGSY during the year 2017-18 in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise?

#### Workshop on Skill Development

1540. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government in association with the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) has conducted any workshop on skill development in the Port and Maritime Sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details along with the achievements made as a result thereof;

(c) whether the said workshop brought together employers, training partners and the Government institutions working in the Port and Maritime sector;

(d) if so, the details of employment generated and the number of beneficiaries along with the amount spent on such workshop; and

(e) the details of funds spent on improving Occupational Safety and Health in shipbreaking yards in the country along with the number of beneficiaries during the last three years and the current year?

#### Promotion of Sportswomen

†1541. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

SHRI G.M.

SIDDESHWARA:

SHRI RAJESHBHAI

CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the women from various States particularly from North Eastern States (NES) have won laurels for the country in the field of sports;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for encouraging and giving training in the field of sports to the women players from various States particularly NES;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for identifying and nurturing the sporting talents from rural areas of various States particularly NES; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Allocation of Funds under PMAY in A&N Islands

1542. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated to UT Administration of A&N Islands under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the names of districts in the UT covered under the said scheme; and

(c) the number of houses constructed/likely to be constructed in A&N Islands under the said scheme?

#### Contamination Free Rivers

1543. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any stretches of Ganga or other major rivers have become contamination free and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any town/city on the river banks have succeeded in treating all wastes before they are released into rivers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of money spent during the last three years and the current year for river development projects and the physical targets achieved thereunder so far?

#### Works of NH

1544. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

SHRI MD.

BADARUDDOZA

KHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the status of the on-going works of National Highways (NHs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the need to speed up the works of the NHs in the country;

(d) the names of the States in which NHs work is lagging behind along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to augment the works for its early completion?

#### Workers under MGNREGS

†1545. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

KUNWAR SARVESH

KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers seeking work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of workers provided work under MGNREGS during the said period, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and released during the said period, State/UT-wise, Year-wise; and

(d) the details of funds utilized during the said period, State/UT-wise and Year-wise?

#### Road Accident due to Rash Driving

1546. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the data maintained by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), out of the total road accident deaths of 1.5 lakhs, 1.35 lakhs of deaths are due to rash and negligent driving;



(b) whether the Government will take appropriate steps for a strict licensing policy and advice the State Governments to follow the guidelines strictly;

(c) whether nearly 1600 soldiers have died due to road accidents which is higher than any counter insurgency operations or war;

(d) whether both Central and State Governments are working to make a joint strategy to avoid road accident deaths and ensure speedy settlement of claims; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Delayed Road Development Projects

1547. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE  
PATIL:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of road development projects have been delayed or stopped in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the number of projects delayed, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to fast track completion of the road development projects and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether poor financial condition of developers and lack of due diligence by the banks providing loans for the projects have delayed the projects and resulted in losses to banks;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken in this regard;

(f) whether the Government has detected any fault on part of the Government agencies involved in planning and development of the projects; and

(g) if so, the details and the corrective steps proposed in this regard?

#### Jigaon Dam Project

†1548. SHRI PRATAPRAO  
JADHAV:

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

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

(a) the up to-date details of Jigaon Dam project in Buldhana district of Maharashtra;

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

(c) the total amount allocated/released so far for the said project?

#### Length of NH

1549. SHRI MD.  
BADARUDDOZA  
KHAN:  
SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the annual increase in the length of National Highways (NHs) in the country;

(b) the percentage of NHs out of all the roads in the country;

(c) the percentage of accidents on NHs compared to total road accidents; and

(d) whether the Government intends to reduce accidents on roads, especially NHs?

#### Construction of Pravara-Nilwande Canal

†1550. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDE:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals for construction of Pravara-Nilwande Canal in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the current status thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any funds for this purpose so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

#### Manufacturing of Passenger/Civilian Aircraft

1551. SHRIMATI SAJDA  
AHMED:  
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to manufacture civilian/passenger aircraft in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of employment generated by civil aviation industries across the country during the last four years;

(d) whether the country's domestic aviation market is one of the fastest growing in the world and has registered high double digit growth for more than two years, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether many airlines are embarking on ambitious expansion plans and authorities are working on developing new airports to cater to the rising demand as well as boosting regional air connectivity and if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Doordarshan/Akashvani Kendras

†1552. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION  
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the districts especially in rural areas where there is no coverage of Doordarshan/Akashvani Kendras as on date;

(b) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments for the setting up of Doordarshan/ Akashvani Kendras in their States;

(c) if so, the details of proposals received and action taken by the Union Government thereon during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the time by which all the districts of the country are likely to be covered under Doordarshan/ Akashvani network?

**Census of People Living Below Poverty Line**

†1553. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the last census of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) was conducted at National and State level especially in Jharkhand;

(b) the outcome of the said census conducted at National and State level;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct census of such people again;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Electrification of Villages**

1554. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:  
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently announced that all the villages in the country now have access to electricity;

(b) if so, whether such an announcement by the Union Government is on the basis of any factual and ground reality;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether several Power Distribution companies across the country have denied the claims of the Union Government on 100% access of electricity in villages; and

(e) if so, the extent to which the claims of Power Distribution companies are factually correct along with the further reaction of the Government thereto?

**Central Road Fund**

†1555. SHRI JANAK RAM:  
SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has returned the proposals recommended by the State Government of Bihar for receiving funds under the Central Road Fund for the year 2017-18;

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

(c) whether the Government has received the revised proposals so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the status of the said proposals as on date?

**Road Connectivity upto Fields in Rural Areas**

†1556. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government including Maharashtra regarding provision of road connectivity upto fields in rural areas for taking agricultural produce to the markets;

**Regulatory Framework for Online Media/News Channels**

1558. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a committee to frame and suggest a regulatory framework for online media/news portals, including digital broadcasting and entertainment / infotainment sites and news/media aggregators and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the committee has also been asked to recommend "appropriate policy formulation" for online media, news portal and online content platforms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the terms of reference and time frame given to submit the report?

**Funding System for Electrification Schemes**

†1559. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government reorganised its funding system for electrification schemes with the objective to provide financial grants to States during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of achievements made under the various ongoing central projects in the country including Rajasthan?

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

(c) whether several villages/habitations of various States including Maharashtra have to be connected with all weather roads;

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

(e) the details of efforts made by the Government to connect all such villages/habitations with all weather roads; and

(f) the time by which the targets fixed are likely to be achieved by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise?

**Jharsuguda Airport**

1557. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to operate air services from Jharsuguda airport very soon, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide employment to local youth at Jharsuguda airport, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would consider naming Jharsuguda airport in the name of veteran freedom fighter Veer Surendra Sai;

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

(e) whether the Jharsuguda airport is covered under regional air connectivity scheme, UDAN and if so, the details thereof?

### Construction of Inter-State Bridge of Ban Ganga

†1560. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received DPR from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the approval of the construction of inter-state high level bridge on the Ban Ganga river on the Sakdi-Dangorali route in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government has cleared the proposal; and

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

### Temporary Staff in DD Kendra, Bhubaneswar

1561. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of temporary staff on assignment working in Doordarshan Kendra, Bhubaneswar as on date;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the said staff have been working in Doordarshan Kendra, Bhubaneswar on temporary strength for more than 10 years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not regularizing them;

(d) the number of requests received by the Government for regularization of

the said temporary staff during each of the last three years and the current year along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such requests so far; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to regularize the said staff along with the achievements made therein?

### Condition of NHs

1562. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways (NHs) passing through State of Uttar Pradesh including Siddhartha Nagar are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action for repairing these NHs during the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which repair of these NHs is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Ground Water Depletion

1563. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

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

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

(a) whether recently the Government has announced setting up of a panel of secretaries to tackle the issue of ground water depletion in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that in certain regions of the States of Rajasthan and Bihar especially in Jhunjhunu and Siwan Districts depletion of ground water rate is too high in comparison to other States of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the preparedness plan of the Government to tackle this major problem in the country especially in the said States?

### KUSUM Scheme

1564. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:  
KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:  
SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme to promote the use of solar power among farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objectives of launching the KUSUM scheme along with the financial support being given under the scheme;

(c) the time by which the KUSUM scheme is likely to be rolled out;

(d) the details of the solarization of existing grid connected agricultural pumps

and funds earmarked under the scheme district-wise for various States particularly for Gujarat;

(e) whether any provision is made to sell the surplus solar power generated to Discoms and get extra income for the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether under the new hydro policy, the large hydro projects (above 25MW) would also be brought under the definition of renewable energy and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether India's renewable energy capacity excluding large hydro projects has increased to 68 GW by the end of March, 2018 compared to 57 GW last year and if so, the details thereof along with the steps initiated to have 40 per cent of the energy mix from non-fossil fuels?

### Road Safety Committees

†1565. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:  
SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up District Road Safety Committees in the country to increase awareness for road safety;

(b) if so, whether such Committees have been set up in Jharkhand and Punjab; and

(c) if so, the district-wise details of meetings of the Committee held so far?

### Serving of Food in Flights by Emirates Airlines

1566. DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

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

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that Dubai based Emirates Airlines has imposed a ban on serving Indian food in their international flights flying from India and removed it from the menu ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian passengers have lodged any complaints with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government would take any action against the Emirates Airlines for banning the Indian food in their flights; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Lack of Access to Safe Drinking/Water

1567. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether majority of the households have no access to safe drinking water and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to find out the number of

households without access to safe drinking water in the country and if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise;

(c) the details of the programmes to provide safe drinking water to all the households in the country during the last three years;

(d) the funds allocated and spent on the said programmes in the country during the said period, year and State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the allocation to ensure that all the households should get access to safe drinking water in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### National Sports Federations

1568. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sports Federations (NSFs) are not giving due attention to promotion of women players in various sports including cricket and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to these NSFs during each of the last three years and the current year, NSF-wise;

### Growth of Aviation Sector

1570. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO  
RAUT:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

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

(a) whether the Union Government is keen to accelerate the growth of the aviation sector and make it accessible to the common man and if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether this would require creation of fresh capacity and infrastructure to keep pace with the growing demand;

(c) if so, the plan prepared by the Union Government to create fresh capacity and infrastructure;

(d) whether the Union Government is in an advanced stage of finalisation of a cargo policy which would play a complementary role to the civil aviation policy;

(e) if so, whether there is a proposal to use the airport infrastructure and vacant spaces in airport area in a more efficient manner and promote movement of cargo when there is less traffic and if so, the plan prepared therefor; and

(c) whether any incident of misuse of funds by the NSFs has come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the details of the mechanism set up by the Government for monitoring of such financial assistance; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote women players in various sports in the country?

### Mine Safety Measures

†1569. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of MINES  
खान मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies in which inspection of mine safety measures has been conducted by the Government during the last year;

(b) the names of the companies in which irregularities were found in this regard along with the action taken against them indicating the nature of the action;

(c) whether the Government has failed to enforce mine safety measures as a result of which several accidents have taken place and are still taking place;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

(f) whether AAI CARO Division has already entered into agreements with Mitre Inc. of USA, Honeywell Technology Solutions, Boeing Industries, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi to facilitate collaborative research and if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

#### Rates of Raw Material

1571. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industry has requested the Union Government to put in place a delivery mechanism for the industry, reeling under pressure due to various reasons, for getting the raw material at reasonable rates and if so, the response of the Union Government thereto;

(b) whether 28% hike in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton to ensure farmers get at least 50% profit of their actual cost of production would impact each

segment along with the supply chain raising the final price of the product and if so, the response of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether higher MSP would further compel huge cotton procurement by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI);

(d) if so, whether there is a need to spell out clear CCI policy so that in case it needs to make a massive procurement, the industry gets regular offering from them throughout the season at international parity price; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Union Government to formulate policy in this regard?

#### Development of Port Infrastructure

1572. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:  
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for enhancing port infrastructure facilities under the Sagarmala Programme and to increase the capacity of ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year along with the details of ports constructed/expanded;

(c) whether the Government has allowed private sector in the establishment/

improvement of ports in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of private ports established/proposed to be established in the country?

#### Regional Air Connectivity in North-Eastern Region

1573. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:  
SHRI RAMEN DEKA:  
SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified new regional air connectivity spots in the North-Eastern States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of projects under UDAN scheme in North-Eastern States;

(c) the expected time to complete the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi (LGB) airport of Guwahati;

(d) whether any private airline has proposed to run international flight from LGB airport in near future and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of new airports being constructed under Regional Air Connectivity Scheme in North-Eastern States?

#### Regional Air Connectivity Scheme

- †1574. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:  
DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:  
SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI HARISH MEENA:  
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:  
SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme/UDAN/International UDAN Scheme and the current status of their implementation in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the scheme includes any provisions for the development of existing un-served and under-served airports and construction of new airports/airstrips and whether any such airports/airstrips have been identified for development or construction in the country including the State of Gujarat;

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

(d) the number of unused airports now made operational under the Regional Connectivity Air Scheme/UDAN;

(e) whether the frequency of flights to hilly terrains and remote areas has improved after implementation of UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the number of airlines and the number of routes allotted to them under the UDAN scheme from the year 2016 and till date and the number of routes on which flights have been operationalised; and

(g) whether 73 under-served and un-served airports and helipads would be connected under the phase-2 of the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme/UDAN and if so, the details thereof?

#### FDI in Mining Sector

1575. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:  
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI KAVITHA  
KALVAKUNTALA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the mining sector and exploration of metal/non-metal ores under the automatic route and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has directed three State-owned mineral companies – National Aluminium Company (NALCO), Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) and private sector teams to acquire lithium and cobalt mines abroad along with other resources to ensure that it has access to such strategic minerals in the wake of the growing use of electric vehicles;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has identified any lithium and cobalt mines abroad/in other countries for mining purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Bolivia has approached India for exploration and extraction of the metals including manufacturing of value-added products and if so, the details thereof?

#### Parking Fees at Ahmedabad Airport

1576. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:  
SHRI VINOD  
LAKHAMASHI  
CHAVDA:  
SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any reason for not charging the vehicle parking fees on hourly basis at Ahmedabad Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

#### Water Level in Major Reservoirs

1577. SHRI RATTAN LAL  
KATARIA:  
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of reservoirs in the country at present;

(b) whether the Union Government is aware that the water levels of the country's major reservoirs have dropped significantly and are below the normal level and if so, the details thereof, State/Reservoir-wise;

(c) whether the Government/Central Water Commission has since taken any steps to maintain water levels in these reservoirs and propose to use modern technology as adopted by developed or developing countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to store rain water and construct new reservoirs in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Regulation of Air Fare

1578. SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a regulatory authority for controlling and monitoring air fares and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the flight charges are being increased by airlines taking advantage of the vacation seasons and if so, the action taken to regulate the flight charges during the peak season;

(c) whether the Government would direct Air India to operate more services and make more seats in the Kerala-Gulf sector in the festival season to provide relief to passengers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has imposed conditions for fixing the rate of air tickets, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the initiative of the Government to arrange more flight services to the Middle East considering the vacation season there;

(f) whether there is any standardized protocol to fix the air fares in the country and if so, the details including its salient features thereof; and

(g) if not, whether the Government would consider framing the aforesaid mechanism in this regard and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### Sports Subject in Schools

1579. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory to have sports as a compulsory subject up to 10th class in schools in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi/NCR;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Sanitation Coverage**

1580. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of coverage of rural sanitation in the country, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether it is true that the coverage of rural sanitation in the country has not achieved the desired level/target and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) to find out the actual position of the sanitation coverage in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds earmarked and allocated for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Swajal Project**

1581. SHRIMATI K.  
MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to launch six pilot projects for clean drinking water supply to villages under Swajal project in some States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funding pattern of this project and participation of locals;

(c) the number of districts in different States likely to be covered in the first phase of the project;

(d) whether there is any proposal to cover all the districts of the country which are facing acute drinking water shortage and if so, the future plan chalked out by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Union Government will bear 90% of the total cost and the Panchayat concerned will bear the remaining 10% and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether it is also true that it will be extended to all 115 backward districts identified by NITI Aayog and if so, the details thereof?

**Decline in Production of Patriotic Films**

†1582. SHRIMATI NEELAM  
SONKER:

SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION  
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production of patriotic films during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) the names of the patriotic films and languages in which the same have been produced during the said period with specific reference to such films produced by various Doordarshan Kendras;

(d) whether the Government proposes to promote the making of patriotic films in the country and if so, the details thereof;

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has taken any permission from the Union Government for construction of six industrial barrages across the main arm of inter-State river Mahanadi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Chhattisgarh has planned to release flood waters to Odisha in the downstream of river Mahanadi during high flood in its delta region and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the provisions of minimum flow kept at inter-State border by Chhattisgarh for the fulfilment of riparian requirement of Odisha including requirements of maintaining the river health in the shape of environmental flow; and

(d) whether Chhattisgarh is supposed to intimate the release of water from its dams/barrages as well as the schedule of gate operation activities to Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

**Funds for Development Schemes**

1585. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to the States which are performing well in implementation of various development schemes being

(e) whether the National Films Division Department controls the film city;

(f) if so, the assessment report of the National Films Division during the said period and the criteria for control over the same; and

(g) whether the excessive production of action films is casting adverse effect on the youth resulting in increase in crime graph in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Assistance for Inter-linking of Rivers**

†1583. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA  
KUMAR:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of river links in Bihar which have been included into inter-linking of rivers project by the Government;

(b) the cost involved in such links along with the quantum of Central assistance to be provided to the States for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance for Dhanrajay and Phulwaria reservoirs scheme/project in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of Barrages over Mahanadi River**

1584. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR  
JENA:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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implemented by her Ministry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safe Management of Sanitation Services**

1586. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme Report which places India behind Bangladesh and Somalia in terms of safely managing the sanitation services;

(b) the details and percentage of the homes in the country in rural areas where the sanitation systems' excreta are either disposed of or emptied, transported and treated away from the site;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the percentage of sanitation systems where the onsite sanitation facilities have never been emptied and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry has any criteria or policy whereby the sanitation system can be considered to be safely managed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **National Highway from Alappuzha to Kodaikanal**

1587. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned the new National Highway from Alappuzha to Kodaikanal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the said project and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Improvement of Ports under Sagarmala Programme**

1588. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the functioning of various ports including fishing ports so far under the Sagarmala Programme;

(b) whether the Government proposes to sanction fund under the Sagarmala Programme for renovation works at Thottappally and Arthunkal fishing harbours in Kerala;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of funds sanctioned under the Sagarmala Programme to various States/UTs including Kerala; and

(e) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government in this regard and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

#### **PMGSY in Chhattisgarh**

1589. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the number of those yet to be connected by roads in Chhattisgarh State;

(b) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned, released and the expenditure incurred under various phases of PMGSY in the State during the last three financial years; and

(c) whether the work on certain projects under the said scheme is running behind the schedule in the State and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rural Water Supply**

1590. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes for rural water supply have been submitted by State Governments including Karnataka; and

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

#### **National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development**

†1591. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of activities organised under the National Programme for Youth Adolescent Development in Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of agencies authorised for implementation of the said programme in Chhattisgarh along with the details of funds released to these agencies during the said period, year-wise;

(c) whether any monitoring and evaluation study has been undertaken for these agencies with regard to their performance in programme implementation; and

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

#### **Capacity of Major Ports**

1592. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity and capacity utilisation of Major Ports in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the targets set by the Government to improve the capacity of all the Major Ports in the country;

(c) whether the Government has finalized the process of corporatisation of Major Ports in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of alternative steps being taken to modernise and develop these ports?



**Revival of Buckingham Canal**

1593. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revive the Buckingham Canal along the coastal Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) the details of funds earmarked and released for the purpose so far;

(d) whether any work has been started in this regard and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(e) the time frame set for completion of the project?

**Auction of Offshore Wind Power Capacities**

1594. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to auction five gigawatt offshore wind power capacities in 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to surpass its target of having 175 GW renewable energy capacity by 2022, taking it to 200 GW and if so, the details thereof?

**Audit of Old Bridges in the Country**

†1595. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to prepare any kind of rules manual regarding structural audit of bridges older than 30 years, 50 years and 100 years located in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to hand over this responsibility to the State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to prepare/formulate any plan to prevent the incidents of bridge collapse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Production of Renewable Energy**

1596. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target set by the Government to produce 175 GW of renewable energy by 2022 of which 100 GW will be for solar energy is realistic and achievable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has worked out the target meticulously and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the financial commitments required to increase the present production of solar energy to 100 GW units in four years; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to produce enough number of photovoltaic cells at affordable costs so that solar energy will be competitive expense-wise and if so, the details thereof?

**Toll Plan on NHs**

1597. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government mulls flexible toll plan of National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons behind such a decision;

(d) whether the Government is facing blunt criticism about the existing toll agreements; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Swachh Survey**

1598. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government's Swachh Survey across 355 districts in rural areas proposes to identify share of toilets with availability of water and running water facility in them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government has engaged independent national level monitors to carry out the said survey and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the focus on identifying water availability in toilets gains importance considering that there have been reports of a sizable share of the toilets built in rural areas under Swachh Bharat Mission not being used due to lack of water supply; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Helicopter Services at Tourist Places**

†1599. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce helicopter services at places of tourist attraction in order to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing air travel facilities at various places of tourist interest in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to develop airports to facilitate tourism in the country?

**Textile Parks**

1600. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) has failed to achieve its objective;

(b) if so, whether the Government has constituted any committee to find out the reasons behind failure of SITP and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said committee has submitted its recommendations for setting up of SITP with various changes in system; and

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

#### Operation of Private Airlines

†1601. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of private airlines operating on domestic routes in the country along with policy related criteria stipulated for this purpose;

(b) whether certain private airlines propose to expand their network and sought permission from the Government to operate flights for more domestic destinations including Bhopal;

(c) if so, the details of such operators who sought permission in this regard during last three years and the current year along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to review policy related guidelines for the operation by private airlines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Capacity Addition by NTPC

1602. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is planning to invest Rs.16,000 crore for adding 6,900 MW of fresh electricity generation capacity by March, 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the NTPC is currently working on adding 21,000 MW capacity and the projects are at different stages of execution and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NTPC has planned capital expenditure of Rs. 23,000 crore for 2018-19 which includes both debt and equity essentially for capacity addition through the Greenfield route; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Power Schemes

†1603. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had developed or proposes to develop a new mechanism for rectification of electricity faults along with Rural Electrification Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the new mechanism is likely to be put in place including appointment of new personnel etc. to provide relief to the suffering consumers?

#### Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Schemes

1604. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds sanctioned and released to the States and utilized by them under various rural development and poverty alleviation schemes during 2017-18 and 2018-19 so far, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the achievements made thereunder during the said period, scheme-wise;

(c) the number of beneficiaries belonging to all categories including Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) under each of these schemes, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure full utilisation of funds and completion of work in time?

#### Pending Payments to Coal India Limited

1605. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment is pending towards Coal India Limited (CIL) by many States which is adversely affecting the supply of coal to the State owned power utilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for critical/super critical low coal stock available to the State owned power utilities in Haryana?

#### Loss of Jobs in Textile Sector

1606. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many labourers have lost their jobs during the last three years in the textile sector;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of labourers in this sector; and

(c) whether the Government proposes any special package for the displaced labourers in this sector and if so, the details thereof?

#### Implementation of SPMRM in Maharashtra

1607. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) is being implemented in the State of Maharashtra especially in tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the current status of implementation of the Mission; and

(c) the salient features of Integrated Cluster Action Plans approved and implemented, phase-wise and the quantum of funds sanctioned for the same?

**Watershed Projects**

1608. SHRI RADHESHYAM  
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is not allocating funds for treatment of forest areas which are prioritized as integral part of watershed projects based on the criteria defined by the department itself and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether non-allocation of funds in this regard would lead to denial of livelihood to the forest dwellers and if so, the details thereof and the strategy devised to tackle the issue;

(c) whether the exclusion would lead to collapse of guiding principal of Common Guidelines, 2008 issued by the Union Government and is likely to result in fragmented, limited and flawed outcomes of watershed programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Union Government proposes to reconsider its decision and if so, the details thereof?

**Jute Prices**

1609. SHRIMATI MAUSAM  
NOOR:

NEW DELHI;

July 20, 2018

Ashadha 29, 1940 (Saka)

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jute prices particularly of the lower grades in various States especially West Bengal, have slid below the minimum support price;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Jute Corporation of India has been ineffective in providing adequate procurement support; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Underground Water Pollution**

†1610. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any policy regarding underground water pollution in the country especially Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the various steps taken to check the same and impose penalties on the concerned ones?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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