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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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

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

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Generation of Solar Power

*321. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed by the Government for setting up of solar parks in the country along with the targets set by the Government for generation of solar power in the country by the year 2022 and the achievements made by the Government in this direction so far;

(b) whether the Government is lagging behind in achieving the targets set for the generation of solar power in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of solar power generated in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the funds provided by the Government for generation and creation of

additional capacity of solar power in the country during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for promoting the generation and use of solar power and bringing transparency in utilisation of funds for the purpose?

Pothole Fatalities

*322. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the report that potholes in the country take 10 lives every day with 3,597 fatalities in 2017;

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

(c) whether the Supreme Court (SC) has taken a serious view in the matter and asked the SC monitoring committee on road safety to submit a report immediately on the issue and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether sufficient amount as compensation is being paid to the victims and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken or being taken by the Government in consultation with States to avoid pothole fatalities?

Incomplete Irrigation Projects

†*323. 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) the number of incomplete irrigation projects which were started a decade ago, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for not completing the said projects so far;

(c) the current stage/status of these projects; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for early completion of these projects to avoid time and cost overruns?

Drinking Water Schemes in Jammu and Kashmir

†*324. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing drinking water schemes in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the Government has any scheme for providing clean drinking water and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal/scheme to meet the shortage of drinking water of the cities of Jammu and Kashmir by supplying the water of Chenab river;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial allocation made/proposed to be made in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Encroachment of Water Bodies

†*325. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of fall in ground water level has assumed critical proportions due to illegal destruction of lakes, ponds, wells, stepwells and other water bodies in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the ongoing measures to improve the ground water level along with the efforts made for the revival of such water bodies in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether such water bodies have been occupied illegally by anti-social elements in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the initiatives/measure taken by the Government so far to revive/restore such water bodies and free them from encroachment/illegal occupation?

Power Shortages

*326. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

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

(a) whether approximately 40 per cent of the country still faces power shortages and/or has no access to electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that surplus generating power capacity is available in our country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that there are leakages across the transmission and distribution chain in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to put an end to leakages to save energy?

Road Accidents

†*327. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:
SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to give directions to the toll management companies to monitor accidents on National Highways so that the said companies could provide ambulance and first aid at the earliest to the victims of accidents;

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

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

(d) the steps being taken/ likely to be taken by the Government to reduce road accidents?

Lighting of NHs

†*328. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

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

(a) the total number of accidents happened during night time in 2017-18;

(b) whether there are still numerous National Highways and State Highways without adequate lighting, leading to increasing number of accidents at night and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the details/total area of National Highways having functional light poles;

(c) whether the Government is making any effort for mandatory lighting of National Highways and State Highways and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government makes provision for lighting while preparing the scheme for construction of National and State Highways and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Government proposes to include the provision for street light as a mandatory component of project construction layout?

Compensation for Land Acquisition

†*329. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the farmers have not been provided justified compensation of the land acquired for the construction of Naldurg - Akkalkot National Highway No. 652;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria laid down by the Government for land acquisition for construction of road and the time limit fixed for providing compensation to the farmers;

(d) whether the Government is considering to provide compensation to the farmers in all such cases of land acquisition at the earliest which are pending so far; and

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

Setting up of Sports University

*330. SHRI BAITE THANGSO:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no exclusive physical education and sports university at the Central level in the country besides National Sports University, Manipur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such Universities in the country and also grant assistance to the States for setting up similar Universities;

(c) if so, the details of Sports Universities/Institutions proposed to be established and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the construction of infrastructure for the National Sports University in Manipur has started; and

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

Registration of Bore Wells

*331. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION
जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any corrective steps to contain the biggest problem of water shortage which the country is facing mainly due to over exploitation of ground water and random bore well digging without any approval and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the initiative the Government proposes to take for water management and making the registration of new bore wells compulsory before digging;

(c) whether the Government proposes to register the presently working open wells and bore wells across the country so as to maintain the record and control further exploitation of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the rules the Government proposes to draft in this regard?

Work on NH-104

†*332. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doubling work of zero to forty kilometre stretch of National Highway-104 in Bihar is being delayed and even 10 per cent work has not been executed despite lapse of one and half years;

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

(c) the outcome of review work conducted in this regard along with the strategy prepared by the Government on the basis of the said outcome?

Posts in PSUs

*333. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of regular posts created and recruitment made in Public Sector Undertakings and Autonomous Organisations/Institutions under her Ministry since 1993;

(b) the recruitment made in the new National Institute of Fashion Technology during the said period, categories-wise (SC/ST/OBC/UR);

(c) the details of outsourced employees working on contract basis in Group 'A' post, company and category-wise along with the details of duration of contractual employees working with/without break, Institute-wise;

(d) the percentage of contractual employees as compared to their total sanctioned posts, Speciality/Department and category-wise; and

(e) whether action has been taken/is being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant and contractual posts on permanent basis, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Emission Norms for Thermal Power Plants

*334. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of the thermal power plants that have been allowed to start their operations since the commencement of the year 2017;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware of the report of the Central Pollution Control Board in which it has been stated that none of the sixteen power plants which began their operations post January, 2017 are abiding by the stricter emission norms and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any action against them, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether these thermal power plants are abiding by the mandatory new air pollution regulations set in place by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for allowing these companies to start their operations?

Desalination Plants at Major Ports

†*335. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install plants at three Major Ports—Paradip, Ennore and Chidambaranar—to recycle and desalinate sea water into potable water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the expenditure estimated to be incurred on these plants; and

(d) the extent to which the demand for drinking water can be met along with the details of areas likely to benefit as a result thereof?

Irrigation Projects

*336. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN: SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

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

(a) the number of minor and major irrigation projects on which work is under progress under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Maharashtra along with the estimated cost involved therein including the Central/State share prescribed for the purpose, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government has decided to grant special package for completion of irrigation projects to address agrarian distress in Vidarbha and Marathwada and other chronically drought

prone areas of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to extend the said special package to other agrarian distress/drought prone areas of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Noise and Air Pollution by Aircraft

*337. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH: SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the noise and air pollution created by aircraft affects the localities near the airports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to promote silent engine aircraft to reduce the noise level and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Government to file a report on noise level standards for airport zones and restrict night flying at airports;

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

(e) whether the Delhi airport operator is set to buy Taxibots-pilot-controlled semi-robotic machines that tow aircraft from parking bays to runway with engines switched off to curb air pollution and help airlines to save fuel, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be made operational?

**Reforms in
NSS and NCC**

†*338. SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) have been playing an important role in empowering the youth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any lack of synergy between NSS and NCC in empowering the youth, if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to revamp and strengthen NSS and NCC including the details and the outcome of the meeting convened for this purpose;

(c) the details of the role and responsibility of his Ministry in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to form a committee comprising representatives from NCC, Ministries of Youth Affairs and Sports and Human Resource Development to suggest ways to reform and strengthen NSS and NCC and if so, the details along with the composition and mandate thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for expansion, strengthening training infrastructure, rationalizing resources and addressing the manpower deficiency in NSS and NCC?

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Strengthening PRIs

*339. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch any new scheme for the empowerment of Panchayati Raj in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Conservation/Preservation of
Ganga River**

†*340. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

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

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

(a) the details of works executed for conservation/preservation of the Ganga river during the last three years in the country;

(b) the names of the States where maximum works have been executed for the said purpose along with the reasons for the same; and

(c) the time by which the said river is likely to be conserved/preserved completely?

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Secretary General

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