

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

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Tackling of Flood Like Situation

†1611. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

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 flood like situation due to the excessive rainfall in certain States of the country because of changing pattern of monsoon during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is preparing/proposes to prepare a concrete plan to tackle flood like situation in States like Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mid Sea Collisions

1612. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the incident of mid sea collision of commercial ships and boats are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive measures the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Conversion of Waste into Compost

†1613. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major achievements in the projects of converting waste to compost and generating energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the cities where the work of converting waste to compost and

generating energy is going on including the list thereof;

(d) the total amount spent on both the above projects and the proposed future plans in this regard; and

(e) whether the private companies have shown any interest in these projects and if so, the details thereof?

SVEP

1614. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural enterprises established and the number of youth skilled under the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of extent to which the said programme has supported newly emerging enterprise opportunities such as IT/Infotainment; and

(c) the break-up of number of projects implemented through National Resource Organization (NRO) and Project Implementation Agency (PIA) modes?

Thermal Power Plants

1615. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the value of power-equipment including boilers imported from China for the thermal power plants of the country

during the last five years along with the reasons for import;

(b) the reasons for import of boilers from China;

(c) the steps taken/being taken to increase domestic production/availability; and

(d) the details of progress made in the R&D projects undertaken/supported by the Government for the development of indigenous supercritical technology for the thermal power plants of the country?

BS-VI Emission Norms

1616. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government will be ready with Bharat Stage (BS)-VI emission norms for petrol and diesel vehicles by the end of 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any schedule to make available BS-VI compliant vehicles in NCR and other metropolitan cities of the country suffering from the problem of pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to Project Affected Families

1617. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

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 12,000 families of Mahabubnagar of Telangana have been waiting for the last 35 years for compensation from the Government for loss of their land due to the Srisaillam reservoir in Kolapur where thousands of acres were submerged in the back waters of the project and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether immediate action is to be taken by the Government to release the compensation amount to the affected families as per its earlier orders and in view of Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment during January 06, 2017 in all such similar cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ISA Membership

1618. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given *ex-post-facto* approval for opening up International Solar Alliance (ISA) membership to all countries that are members of the United Nations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it will put solar energy in global agenda with universal appeal for developing and deploying solar energy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether expanding membership will lead to ISA initiative benefitting the world at large; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bridge across Sharavathi Backwaters

1619. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status in respect of sanction of bridge across Sharavathi Backwaters between Sigandur and Kalasavalli in Sagara Taluk of Shimoga Parliamentary Constituency;

(b) whether the National Highway authorities have submitted final DPR to the Ministry for sanction; and

(c) the details of the estimated cost of the bridge and the time by which the construction work will commence?

Power Demand

1620. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a 12.6 percent year-on-year rise in power demand during the first fifteen days of the third quarter of financial year (2018-19);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as on October 16, 2018 as many as 33 power plants, had fuel stock to last for less than seven days, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether at the end of September, 22 generating stations were running with such critical stock; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pending Projects in Maharashtra

†1621. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

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 pending irrigation projects in the country especially in Maharashtra including Padalsare region of Jalgaon, Varkhede Londe, Girna river and the construction of rubbaardam over Girna river;

(b) the number of years since when these projects are under construction and the expenditure incurred thereon till date along with the time by which these are likely to be completed particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) the reasons for delay in such projects and the action plan to expedite their completion particularly the aforesaid four projects in Maharashtra?

Rural Development Schemes

1622. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various rural development schemes;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated for the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, State-wise and Scheme-wise; and

(c) the performance of the States during the said period, Scheme-wise?

Safety of Women in Public Transport

1623. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated preventive and protective measures in favour of adolescent girls and women to eradicate incidences of molestation and harassment in public transportation services;

(b) if so, the steps undertaken by the Government to protect women from abuse in public transport;

(c) whether the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is coordinating with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to implement measures towards protecting women from all kinds of harassment and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of women who have been harassed in public transport during each of the last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

Young Sports Talent

1624. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new policy/measures for identifying and developing new and young sports talents in the country;

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

(c) whether the existing policy/measures have been helpful in finding the sports talents hidden in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fuel for Power Generation

†1625. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of the total, the 90% of electricity is generated from coal in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether use of electricity generated from coal increases pollution, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to take any step to minimize pollution; and

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

Financial Assistance to Silk Weavers

1626. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides the financial assistance to silk weavers in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to give them incentive and subsidy on yarn; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Safe Drinking Water in Anganwadis and Government Schools

1627. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Government schools and anganwadis that have been provided access to safe drinking water in the country under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) as of December 2018;

(b) the percentage of rural habitations that have been provided access to safe drinking water under NRDWP as of December 2018;

(c) the percentage of rural population that have been provided potable drinking water by piped water supply under NRDWP as of December 2018;

(d) the percentage of rural households that have been provided household connections under NRDWP as of December 2018; and

(e) the number of people in India that do not have access to safe drinking water close to their homes as of December 2018?

Basic facilities under SAGY

1628. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages selected by the Members of Parliament under Saansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), State/UT-wise;

(b) whether many of the selected model villages under SAGY were not being provided basic facilities due to practical hurdles and lack of financial involvements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon?

Widening of NHs

1629. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the statistics on the average construction length of National Highways (NHs) per day in the country;

(b) the manner in which the Government plans to achieve its target of constructing 60 kms of road per day in the next three years;

(c) the details of sanctioned projects in Telangana during the last four years; and

(d) the funds allocated/spent during the said period in this regard?

Utilisation of Youth Potential

1630. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that nearly 65 percent of country's population is under the age of 35 making it a largely young nation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open platforms for utilizing youth as a potential power to help India advance on the global scale duly backed by substantial policy orientation and support;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is satisfied with the existing schemes for youth empowerment in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

UMPP

†1631. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposed 4000 megawatts Ultra Mega Power Project at Banka in Bihar;

(b) the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether there is any possibility of cost escalation in case there is delay in the execution thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of New Dams

1632. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for construction of new dams approved during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of pending proposals for new dams and the present status of the same, State-wise; and

(c) the future course of action for clearing the pending proposals?

Status, Allocations and Utilisations under SBM-G

1633. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) - Grameen and utilisation of the funds allocated/released, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has urged the States to fully utilized the funds released and if so, the details thereof and response from States, especially Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to monitor the effective implementation of the scheme?

Fuel Supply

1634. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether over the past 15 months, a number of thermal power plants across the country have been running with sub-optimum level of fuel stock due to inadequate supply of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the shortage has especially affected the plants that are located far from coal mines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of Weavers

1635. SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide subsidy for education to the weavers enrolled in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) whether it is also a fact that adequate publicity of the scheme has been given in weaver clusters in the country; and

(e) if so, the response of the weavers?

Beneficiaries under Pension Schemes

1636. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beneficiaries including Scheduled Caste people under various pension schemes being run by his Ministry during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take steps to ensure uniformity in the amount and eligibility criteria followed by the States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to bring some more changes in these pension schemes and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make pension schemes more inclusive?

Allocations under SBM

†1637. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO:

SHRI NARANBHAI

KACHHADIYA:

SHRI CHANDRA

PRAKASH JOSHI:

SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND

SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated by various departments under Swachh Bharat Mission along with the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the details of the works being carried out by the States under the said mission of priority basis along with the State-wise details thereof in terms of the scheme; and

(c) the percentage of increase in rural cleanliness at national level since the year 2014 till date along with the State-wise details in this regard?

Growth of Air Traffic Passenger

1638. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL

VIJAYSINH

SHANKARRAO:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

SHRI DHANANJAY

MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is double digit growth in air passenger traffic over the last 49 months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the double digit growth has brought several challenges along with it including maintaining safe and efficient aircraft operation;

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

(d) whether State run Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an agreement with the US Trade and Development Agency to develop a road map for modernization of its air traffic services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for modernization of airport terminals, passenger facilities, air traffic and navigational aids at various airports in the country?

Fecal Sludge Management under SBM

1639. SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the location/place where sludge

from the toilets is being dumped;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the procedure adopted for fecal sludge management;

(c) whether any scientific study has been undertaken to ascertain the quality of ground water contaminated due to the sludge drainage from toilets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Growth of Air Traffic Passenger

1640. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India was the 3rd global flyers with almost 16.15 crore air passengers during 2017 in comparison to 13.1 crore in 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Civil Aviation sector is in huge loss with cash crunch and facing severe financial instability;

(c) if so, whether the Government has undertaken any review/survey to ascertain the reasons for the bad debt and poor performance of the section; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the proposal of the Government to revive and strengthen the aviation sector to become global number one?

Repair of Snag-prone Engine

1641. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two private airlines in India that are using Pratt & Whitney (PW) engines on their airbus A 320 New Engine Option (Neos), have been asked to mandatorily carry out repairs on these snag-prone engines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed these airlines to do so within a fixed time in view of the frequent snags in PW engines for the A 320 Neos aircraft and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Federal Aviation Administration has issued two Airworthiness Directives and if so, the details thereof?

Certification by CBFC

1642. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Film Censors (CBFC) has the authority to decline to issue certification for public exhibition of certain films even though the films received international acclaim and award;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBFC withholds film certification on account of opposition from certain quarters of society in certain cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry would provide the details of the films which CBFC has declined to certify for public exhibition during the last five years; and

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

National Civil Aviation Policy

1643. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016;

(b) whether the domestic airline companies in the country are being affected by the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether civil aviation companies have also requested to the Government to abolish some rules of New Civil Aviation Policy, 2016;

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

(e) whether the Government has received demands from the State Governments to develop their airport under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS); and

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

Skill Development in Aviation Sector

1644. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India has entered into a strategic partnership of skill development in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the financial support extended during each of the last three years and the current year for the said purpose;

(c) the number of youth who have benefitted from said training during the said period; and

(d) the quantum of employment opportunity given by the Government to trained youth during the said period?

Electricity Demand

1645. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sudden rise in electricity demand coupled with inadequate coal supply is precariously pushing power plants toward outage, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether more than 10,500 MW of power plants have cited coal shortage for shutting their units down, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether out of this, 2,700 MW and 4,210 MW went under outage in September and October respectively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Uniform Policy for Power Distribution

1646. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a uniform policy to distribute power from central pool to various States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Government has approached for more power during peak hours; and

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

Preparation for Olympics-2020

†1647. SHRI BHAIRO PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new action plan being implemented by the Government to ensure winning of a good number of Medals in the next Olympics;

(b) whether a separate budget has been allocated for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any high level monitoring committee has been constituted for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Textile Exports

†1648. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that there is high demand of Indian textiles abroad;

(b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any special scheme in view of the demand for Indian textiles abroad;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any target for export of textiles;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the product-wise and State-wise details of the value of export to various countries during each of the last three years?

UDAN Scheme in Bihar

†1649. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether UDAN scheme is facing problems in its implementation in regard to Darbhanga, Bihar, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the date on which proposal for UDAN scheme for Darbhanga, Bihar was received along with the details and the present status thereof;

(c) the details regarding proposals for inclusion of various districts under UDAN scheme sent by the State Government to the Union Government after declaration of the scheme;

(d) whether the Government has received any memorandum from the

Hon'ble Members of Parliament for restoring air service in Darbhanga; and

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

Late Night Flight from Srinagar Airport

1650. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people are facing a lot of inconvenience due to non-plying of night flights from Srinagar International Airport and a proposal to start late night flights from the said airport is pending with the DGCA;

(b) if so, the time by which the night flights will be made operational from there;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) whether the Sheikh-ul-Aalam Airport at Srinagar has a status of International Airport, if so, the time by which it will be made fully operational?

Old Power Plants

1651. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to scrap those thermal power plants which are more than 25 years old and emit more gases which are dangerous to the environment;

(b) if so, the details of the thermal power plants to be scrapped, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to check the crises of power problem in case these thermal power plants are scrapped in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sports Infrastructure1652. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for promotion of sports, creation and maintenance of sports infrastructure, upgradation and renovation of existing sports facilities across the country including Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for the purpose along with the details of sports infrastructure created during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(c) the details of the target set and achievements made in this regard during the said period;

(d) the percentage of funding from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) prescribed for use in this field;

(e) whether the funds from CSR are being used for sports activities in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made under this fund, State/UT-wise including West Bengal; and

(f) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with some countries to promote and strengthen existing friendly relations and cooperation in the field of youth and sports affairs and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Geological Reports on Mineral Blocks

1653. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India is likely to provide geological reports of 18 mineral blocks to concerned States by the end of December, 2018 and of 13 more mines by the end of next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to auction 100 mineral blocks in the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Toilets under SBM in Odisha

1654. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed in Odisha under Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) since its inception especially in Bargarh and Jharsuguda districts;

(b) the number of people who have been benefited under SBM-G in the last four years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) why the project has not been completed in the last four years in Odisha especially Bargarh and Jharsuguda and the reasons thereof?

Setting Up of Studio

†1655. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set-up any studio in Udaipur for production of television programmes for their telecast on Udaipur Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of Funds under MGNREGS

1656. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is facing shortage of funds despite the highest ever budgetary allocation this year;

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

(c) the allocations made for the Scheme and expenditure incurred thereunder during the last two years; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the shortage of funds and release the further funds?

Piprakothi-Raxaul Road (NH-28A)

1657. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Piprakothi-Raxaul Road (NH-28A) is severely damaged and full of potholes resulting into accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay of repair work and stipulated time of completion;

(c) whether the Government has recently held a meeting to review the progress of the India-Nepal road connectivity projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for development of roads of operational and strategic significance in areas close to the Indo-Nepal border?

Intended Nationally Determined Contribution

1658. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set ambitious target of achieving 175 GigaWatt (GW) of installed capacity from renewable energy sources by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is in tune with the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) submitted to UNFCCC after Paris Conference;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning significant capacity additions in renewables in recent years and hybrid energy will further help in better utilisation of resources; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Empowered Steering Committee for Olympics

1659. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) for preparation of sportsperson for Tokyo Olympics-2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steps being taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of ESC and the plan of action of the Government for participation in the games; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to improve the performance in the forthcoming Olympic Games?

Expansion of Airport in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

1660. SHRI S. SELVAKUMARA CHINNAYAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to expand the airport in Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of Water through Underground Pipelines

†1661. 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 any feasibility report has been submitted by the Rajasthan Government regarding supply of water allotted to Jhunjhunu, Sikar and Churu districts from Tajewala headworks through underground pipelines;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
(c) whether the Government has received DPR from Rajasthan in this regard;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
(e) whether the Government is considering on any action plan regarding water management for the purpose of irrigation in the said districts of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Solar Cell

1662. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has imposed safeguard duty of 25% on import of solar cells (whether or not assembled in modules or panels) from China and Malaysia;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether this move is aimed at helping domestic solar cell manufacturing sector;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether this will affect existing projects dependent on cheap imports and hike solar power tariffs in India; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to address the situation?

Appraisal of PMGSY

1663. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred along with the length of roads constructed under various phases of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during each year of the Twelfth Five Year Plan period, State-wise;
(b) the details of targets set and achieved during the said period;

- (c) the number of villages covered under the said yojana and the number of those yet to be connected by roads during the said period, State-wise;
(d) whether work on certain projects is running behind the schedule; and
(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the reasons therefor?

Payments by HHEC

1664. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Handloom and Handicrafts Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) have confirmed the audited balance payments of some small bullion parties;
(b) if so, the details in this regard as on 31st October, 2016;
(c) whether HHEC have informed bullion parties that their payments are contingent upon the outcome of CBI investigation of some other bullion parties;
(d) if so, the reasons therefor when there are no allegation of corruption being investigated by the CBI; and
(e) whether HHEC have sought the comment of CBI and if so, the response of CBI thereof?

Wildlife Strike at Airport

1665. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that wildlife strikes at airports have risen alarmingly in recent years;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;
(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to tackle the situation at airports; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fluoride Contamination of Water

1666. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the presence of fluoride in the water of various areas of the country has been detected and is several times higher than the prescribed norms;
(b) if so, whether the Government has collected any data or has conducted any survey on this serious issue in the country or sought any information, if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to control the fluoride contaminated water across the country?

Flood Prone Areas

1667. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

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 is proposing to conduct survey on flood prone areas across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the districts identified as flood-prone in the country including Assam, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for development of such areas?

Inauguration of Kannur Airport

1668. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the international Kannur airport has already been inaugurated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested to permit more international flights especially to gulf countries; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Hydro Power Projects

1669. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the hydro electric projects in operation and the quantum of hydro power generated by each of the projects in the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the potential of North Eastern States for generation of hydro power;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to harness the potential;

(d) whether the Central Electricity Authority has assessed the potential of the Arunachal Pradesh for generation of hydro energy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including projects proposed to tap the hydro-electric potential of the North Eastern States along with the time by which these projects are likely to be operationalised?

SBM Details and Targets

1670. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is on track for an Open Defecation Free (ODF) India by October, 2019;

(b) whether rural sanitation coverage has increased significantly from 39% in October, 2014 to 95% in September, 2018 under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of household toilets constructed under the Mission so far, State-wise;

(d) the budget allocation for SBM during 2018-19;

(e) whether Behaviour Change Communication is undertaken under the

SBM, if so, the details of strategies adopted; and

(f) whether the Government has prioritized the provision of Piped Water Supply (PWS) for villages that become ODF, if so, the details thereof?

Details regarding NRDWP

1671. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the current status of the programme;

(c) whether any monitoring mechanism has been in place to ensure proper utilization of allocation and to assess the achievements and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some States/UTs have not fully utilized the amount allocated for the purpose during the said period;

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

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for utilization of the funds effectively for providing safe drinking water in all the habitations in the country?

Power Generation from Waste

1672. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India generates about 62 million tonnes of waste annually and 78 per cent of India's waste went unprocessed and ended up in a landfill, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up plants for generation power from waste in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether private sector will also be involved in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Basic Facilities to Panchayats

†1673. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided by the Government to the Panchayats in the country;

(b) the extent to which the objectives of the Panchayats have been achieved during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Governemnt has reviewed the basic facilities provided to the Panchayats for improving the standard of living in the villages of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for empowerment of the Panchayats and to provide basic facilities to the Panchayats during the next two years?

Road Accident

1674. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of road accidents that have occurred during the night time in last five years;

(b) the total length of National Highways in India having functional light poles; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to install light poles throughout the highway network across the country in last four years?

Air Services to Remote Areas

1675. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new towns and cities on the civil aviation map under the new scheme announced by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that some States are unwilling to invest on airport infrastructure as the expected returns are low;

(c) if so the details of their response thereon; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the problem and roll out air services to hitherto uncovered and remote areas?

Kairana-Panipat-Khatima and Delhi-Yamunotri NH

†1676. SHRIMATI TABASSUM BEGUM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds made by the Government for the construction of Kairana-Panipat-Khatima route;

(b) whether a flyover over railway crossing or bypass at Shamli Nagar is proposed to be constructed in the above said project to save the National Highway from traffic jam of railway crossing near Shamli and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the stretch of the Delhi-Yamunotri road which was sanctioned for construction by the National Highway Authority of India; and

(d) the funds allocated for the said work during the current financial year?

Power Generation

1677. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the production of electricity in the country;

(b) if so, the details of production of electricity during the last 10 years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to regulate/fix the price of electricity across the country;

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

(e) whether the Government has any statistics regarding number of thermal/hydro/atomic power generation projects sanctioned and commissioned during the last six years;

(f) if so, the details of such projects and the total production of power during that period;

(g) whether the Government is producing excess electricity and exporting power; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Transfer of Prasar Bharti Employees

†1678. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Prasar Bharti, Delhi could be transferred out side Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that many employees did not join their place of posting despite being transferred by bringing stay orders from the Hon'ble Court;

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

(d) the action taken against such employees by the Government thereon?

SEZs for Textile Sector

1679. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish SEZs for textile manufacturers only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the action taken/current status of such proposal, so far?

Construction of Houses under PMAY-G

1680. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the houses constructed in rural areas of the Rajnandgaon and Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) ;

(b) whether the Government has found the works under PMAY-G satisfactory and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of the project where the works under PMAY-G were not found satisfactory along with the action taken thereon?

Expenditure under Namami Gange Mission

†1681. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has not been any improvement in controlling pollution levels in the Ganga river even after three years have passed since inception of Namami Gange Mission worth Rs. 20,000 crore;

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

(c) the number of schemes/projects launched and completed under the said Mission during the last three years;

(d) the funds spent so far for completion of the said schemes/projects; and

(e) whether any assistance has been sought from consortium of IITs for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Allocations under NRDWP

1682. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the State of Punjab under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during the last four years including the current year;

(b) the basis/criterion on which the Centre allocates money to a State Government under this scheme;

(c) whether the Punjab State Government has repeatedly raised the issue of inadequate funds being allocated towards it under the scheme, if so, the reply of the Government; and

(d) the number of areas where arsenic is present in water above the permissible limits in Punjab and the steps taken to reduce it under this scheme?

Road Accidents

†1683. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of road accidents have increased due to faulty maintenance and structure of National Highways during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people who lost their lives and those who were disabled in road accidents from the years 2012 to 2017 along with the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether there is enough workforce with the Government to monitor the maintenance and quality of National Highways; and

(e) if so, whether the Government has prepared any long term policy in this regard and the details thereof?

Rupsi Airport, Assam in UDAN Sewa

1684. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Rupsi Airport in Dhubri, Assam to be re-opened for civil and army flight operations;

(b) whether the Government has included Rupsi Airport in UDAN sewa;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with details of the fund allocated for it; and

(d) the reasons for delay and by when this airport will be ready for operation?

Swachhata Hi Sewa

1685. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has observed recently 'Swachhata Hi Sewa-2018' (SHS) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response received from the citizens to observe Swachhata drives; and

(d) the purpose and motives to observe SHS?

Sports Infrastructure in Kerala

1686. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures for development of sports infrastructure in the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of sports infrastructure created during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of funds allocated released and utilised for the purpose during the said period?

Reconstruction of Handloom Centres

†1687. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations regarding special package for reconstruction of Handloom centre at Madhubani, Kolasala, Chirauja block, East Champaran, Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action of the Government along with the outcome thereof?

Targets under SBM

1688. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the deadline set for the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) for achieving the targets;

(b) the total amount required to achieve the target by the deadline;

(c) the demand of allocation by the Ministry for Swachh Bharat Mission & National Rural Drinking Water Program during FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 and the actual allocation during the same period;

(d) whether the Government has declared 100 per cent ODF States, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any third party audit was conducted by the ministry before announcing such States 100 per cent ODF?

Revival of Handloom/Handicraft Sector

†1689. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for revival of handloom/handicraft industries including textiles in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the initiative of the Government for skill development in handloom/handicraft in Champa, Korba, Raigarh, Bilaspur districts, Chhattisgarh and in other States;

(d) if so, the details of the skill development programmes; and

(e) the State-wise total number of persons skilled during the past three years and the current year?

Assistance to Road Accident Victims

†1690. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set a target for reducing fatalities caused by road accidents by half by the year 2020 and if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether financial assistance is provided by the Government to the State Government for procurement of ambulances and breath analyser machines;

(c) if so, the financial assistance provided for the said purpose during the

last three years, State-wise including Jharkhand;

(d) whether the Government has started any scheme for opening Model Driving Training Institutes and Vehicle Inspection of Certification Centres in various States;

(e) if so, the assistance provided thereunder to various States including Jharkhand; and

(f) the details of the utilization of the said funds, State-wise?

Security and Safety of Airports

1691. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any serious note on safety and security of airports from any untoward happenings like fire accidents, terror attacks, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this;

(c) whether Government has provided funds for the procurement of fire safety equipments including fire engines and other security and safety programmes to enhance and ensure the safety of airports in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated, airport-wise?

Incentives under MEIS

1692. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

Additional Aircraft

1694. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received for additional aircraft on Civil Aviation sector and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that the commercial airlines are unable to utilize their full length/capacity at the time of landing on existing runway 29 of IGI Airport Terminal 3;

(c) if so, the reasons which are affecting/preventing the commercial airlines from utilizing their full length capacity of runway 29;

(d) the extent to which it is safe to conduct the operation of the aircraft considering the existing safety margins of runway 29 at the time of landing keeping in view of the higher all up weight aircrafts (B777, B747, Airbus 380 etc.); and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to overcome the issue?

Reforms in Power Sector

1695. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any advisory committee to discuss the issues relating to power sector and to suggest reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has doubled or proposes to double the incentives for exporters of garments and made-ups under the Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) to stop declining textile exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to make such more initiatives to support and encourage textile exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent by which these initiatives are successful?

Thiruvananthapuram Airport

1693. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to create a new and larger Thiruvananthapuram Airport by establishing a new site at Parassala, including detailed status of any ongoing feasibility assessments;

(b) if so, the details of this proposal particularly regarding the amount and acquisition of required land, allocation of funds to be utilised and time-frame of completion;

(c) whether a comprehensive review has been initiated regarding the displacement of people in acquiring the necessary land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the consequences of the establishment of this off-city airport for the existing Thiruvananthapuram airport?

(c) whether this initiative would solve the problems of the sector including the problem of fuel shortage threatening the viability of the sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Catchment Capacity

1696. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for enhancing the water catchment capacity as well as increasing the ground water capacity in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government allocation in the last 4 years; and

(c) whether the Government has provided adequate establishment of new RO drinking water plants in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

Drying Rivers

1697. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

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 country has been facing severe water

crisis as around 54 per cent of the country has turned into water stressed dust bowl with many rivers rapidly drying up;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to save the said rivers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Electrification under Saubhagya Scheme

1698. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 100 per cent household electrification under the Saubhagya Scheme would be achieved by 2018 end;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the power consumer base was increasing at a rate of one lakh per day and estimates suggested the number of households left to be covered had fallen below 50 lakh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Incentives to Sportspersons

†1699. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of incentives provided to the players of various sports *e.g.*,

Football, Hockey, Badminton, Lawn Tennis and Cricket etc.;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the cricket is given more importance than other sports and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to encourage the players to play other sports than cricket in the country; and

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

Linking of Villages under PMGSY

†1700. SHRI SANJAY KAKA
PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to make any provision for expanding the scheme of linking villages and hamlets with population of 100 to 500 with the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the manner and scale in which the said expansion is proposed to take place;

(c) whether the Union Government has invited proposals from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sports Complexes in Jharkhand

†1701. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constructed integrated sports complexes in the rural blocks of Sahebganj, Pakur, Godda and Dumka districts in Santhal pargana of Jharkhand under any sport scheme;

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

(c) the details of the work done towards organising sports competitions in the rural blocks of these districts during the last two years?

Impact of Government Advertisement

1702. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to conduct an independent study to gauge the impact of Government advertisements on people and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said move is aimed at drawing a strategy for judicious use of money for the state publicity works and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to curtail expenditure on Government advertisements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Observations of CSG on SBM

1703. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken into account the concern raised in the CAG report that due to the non-availability of household water connections, the toilets constructed under SBM could not be used;

(b) if so, the actions taken to meet this issue;

(c) whether the Government is of the opinion that the building of toilets alone is not sufficient for the realization of the actual vision of an Open Defecation Free (ODF) country; and

(d) if so, what feasible actions were taken in this regard for the realization of ODF?

Promotion of Solar Energy

†1704. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government in Madhya Pradesh to encourage solar energy at present;

(b) the amount released during the last two years under the said schemes;

(c) whether the Government has made provision of any subsidy in the consumption of solar energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Watershed Development in Drought Prone Areas

1705. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken for watershed development in drought prone areas along with the programmes implemented thereto, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned, released and utilized for the said purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes any training and development programmes for functionaries involved in watershed development programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take initiative for watershed development in forest areas and if so, the details thereof?

Revenue Generation through Advertisement

1706. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue generation through advertisement by Doordarshan (DD) is very low and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need to revamp the DD on its contents to attract more audience;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes any plan to revamp DD and its

regional and national channels with better quality contents to get more advertisement to raise revenue and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount of money generated by DD during the last three years through advertisement; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government thereto?

Use of Geographic Information Systems for Flood Forecasting

1707. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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 the details of the loss of life, property and livestock reported in flood prone areas for the current as well as the last year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has adopted advanced technologies such as mapping based on satellite imagery and Geographic Information Systems for flood forecasting and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has issued any standard operating procedures to ensure the safety of dams and conduct their post monsoon inspections and if so, the details thereof?

Sanitation Coverage

1708. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the "behavioural change" in rural population to attain the real motive behind sanitation programme;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that sanitation coverage across many States in considerably low, if yes provide the details regarding steps taken by the Government to uplift the pace of sanitation in the low performing States;

(c) whether the Government has also taken cognizance of poor nature of construction and low quality of raw materials being used in the construction of toilets under cleanliness drive; and

(d) if so, enumerate the corrective steps that have been taken by the Government in this regard?

Promotion of Sports

1709. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to transfer sports subject from the State List to Concurrent List and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of measures proposed to be taken at national level for development of sports in case of such transfer of sports to Concurrent List; and

(c) the details of measures being taken by the Government for increasing the participation of women and youth from tribal areas in sports?

Power Generation

1710. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electricity generated from wind, solar and other renewable power plants has reached the grid-parity with conventional electricity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the total installed capacity of renewable power from the year 2014 to 2018;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to increase the target for wind, solar and other renewable power installations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the new targets for renewable energy capacity addition?

Per Capita Availability of Water

†1711. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita availability of water is decreasing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard in each district of the country;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to identify new water resources in each State of the country along with the outcome of the same; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the availability of water in the country?

VIP Protocol at Delhi Airport

†1712. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the company entrusted with the responsibility of VIP protocol/lounge at Delhi Airport along with the conditions under which this responsibility has been given;

(b) whether GMR is not providing assistance to Hon'ble Members of Parliament during journey in Delhi on the pretext of shortage of staff;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to discontinue the services of the said company and to entrust this responsibility to any other company;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the total number of employees working in the said company at present along with the details thereof, post-wise;

(g) whether the Government proposes to inquire into the PF and other data of the said company;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in Newsprint Cost

1713. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent rise in newsprint cost could lower the operating margins of print media companies this fiscal by more than 400 basis point;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide all support to the print media to remain in force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Directives to Social Media

1714. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued directives to social media platforms to establish mechanisms to remove illegal content, failing which such media platforms shall be punished;

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

(c) the number of warnings issued on private and public-owned satellite TV Channels against lynching and mob violence following Ministry's advisory, Channel-wise and Screen Time Allocation-wise and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not issuing a directive instead of issuing an advisory;

(d) the details of the investigation carried out in the accident in Raigad district involving students of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) and the actions taken thereto; and

(e) the details of action taken following the National Commission for Women requesting the Ministry to direct print, publication and production houses to form an internal committee to probe complaints of sexual harassment at workplace?

Sericulture in Chhattisgarh

†1715. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government allocated funds to Chhattisgarh to promote sericulture in the budget for 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement more schemes for the development of sericulture in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Flood Prone Airport

1716. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some airports in the country are low lying and flood prone;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that due to technically operational crises the Government faces huge loss of emergency services as well as economic loss;

(c) whether Navi Mumbai International Airport is one of the faulty airport which is under construction; and

(d) if so, the plan and guidelines of National Disaster Management Authority to tackle and overcome the problems and correction of risks therein?

Community Radio Stations

1717. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Community Radio (CR) Stations which have obtained financial assistance from the Ministry under Scheme "Supporting Community Radio Movement in India", State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of grants provided by the Government to each CR Stations, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any system to monitor the CR Stations; and

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

Solar Energy Storage

1718. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of solar energy storage in the country;

(b) whether the present capacity is enough to meet the storage requirement, especially on account of intermittent nature of renewable power generation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total fund allocated and spent in research for solar energy storage during the last four years?

Skill Development for Rural Youth

1719. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unskilled rural youth, both men and women in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes available to impart skill development for rural youth and the quantum of funds allocated during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the number of rural youth, both men and women, who were skilled and given jobs during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

UDAN Scheme in NER

1720. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new routes that have been made operational out of the 92 new routes proposed to be opened in the North Eastern Region (NER) under the UDAN scheme;

(b) the details of the total number of new airports to come up in the NER along with the details of the projects that have already been commissioned;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and released till date for projects under the UDAN scheme in NER; and

(d) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted detailed inspection of all the critical airports, airfields and helipads in NER in the last three years and if so, the details thereof?

Blocking of NHs

†1721. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several reports of demonstrators blocking National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and National Highway-wise, for each of the past three years and the current year;

(c) the action of the Government in this regard, State-wise and project-wise during this period;

(d) the details of the legal provisions to deal with such cases; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to make such legal provisions more effective and to ensure smooth

movement of traffic on the National Highways?

Inter-state River Water Sharing Disputes

1722. SHRI K.R.P.

PRABAKARAN:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of inter-State river water disputes have been pending in various courts for the final decision;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the disputes are resolved in a timebound manner;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956; and

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

Football Clubs in ISL

1723. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the East Bengal and Mohun Bagan football clubs are likely to join Indian Super League (ISL);

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to take up the matter with ISL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MGNREGS

1724. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether beneficiaries under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are facing problem in getting 100 days of work because crossmark (x) appears in muster rolls even before beneficiary completes 100 days of work and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of households for which crossmark (x) appeared in muster roll atleast once and were not able to complete 100 days of work during 2017-18; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken in this regard?

Indoor Sports Stadiums in Andhra Pradesh

1725. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct an indoor stadium in Rajahmundry, East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Silk Production in Assam

1726. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether State of Assam has potential for silk production and silk fabrics; and

(b) whether the Government has plans to encourage silk production and its manufacturers?

Charges for Excess Baggage

1727. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether baggage weight charges has been fixed at Rs. 100 per kg between 15-20 kgs;

(b) whether this was challenged in the High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble Court had set aside this limit and now it is at the will of airlines to charge excess baggage;

(c) the reasons that the Government has not challenged the order of the Delhi High Court before the Supreme Court;

(d) the views of the Government regarding airlines charging Rs.400 to Rs.500 per kg if check-in baggage exceeds 15 kgs; and

(e) whether the airlines are justified in increasing the baggage charges between 25% and 35% from June this year and the action taken by the Government to contain this uncontrollable baggage charges?

COTS for SECC List

1728. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to deploy the required number of manpower to start the Claims and Objection Tracking System (COTS) at District/Block level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the required number of manpower will be deployed; and

(c) the action taken / being taken by the Union Government to include deserving beneficiaries into the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) list who have been inadvertently omitted during 2011 census?

Cleaning of Yamuna River

1729. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds spent so far on cleaning of each of Yamuna and Shipra river;

(b) the extent to which the said rivers have been cleaned so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the results achieved so far are not commensurate to the expenditure incurred; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the action being taken in the matter?

Inter-linking of Rivers

†1730. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the ongoing projects in this regard including the names of rivers rejuvenated as on date, State-wise;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year till date, State/river-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enact a law to check the illegal construction on the river banks, indiscriminate ground water exploitation and for water conservation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Socio-Economic and Caste Census

†1731. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government undertook the Socio-Economic and Caste

Census in 2011 to get data on the caste and economic status of every household;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Socio-Economic Caste data is essential for making policy for the benefit of deprived sections of the society and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to make caste based data public under consideration of the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the time by which the caste based data will be made public?

IGNWPS

†1732. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to lower the age limit of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) from 40 years to 18 years;

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

(c) whether the Government also proposes to include separated and unmarried women above 50 years of age under the said scheme; and

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

LED Bulbs

†1733. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any distributing agency has been created/authorised in the country for ensuring availability of LED bulbs in the country;

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

(c) the details of minimum price fixed for LED bulbs?

North East Textile Promotion Scheme

1734. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new projects have been approved during 2016-17 and 2017-18 under the North East Textile Promotion Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any projects have been extended for more than three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Saubhagya Scheme

1735. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently announced that electricity connection to every household in the country under the Saubhagya Scheme will be provided by December 31, 2018, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government is aware that electrification has led to an increase in aggregate, technical and commercial losses of power distribution utilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether to check AT&C losses of power distribution utilities, the Union Government has taken any corrective steps; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Declining Ground Water Level on Potable Water

†1736. 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 availability of potable water has been adversely affected due to the decline in ground water level in certain parts of the country including rural areas during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial and technical assistance to the State Governments for the purpose; and

(d) the details of the achievements made in this regard as a result of the same?

Clean Energy Generation

1737. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH

SHINDE:
SHRI KUNWAR

PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has set an ambitious goal of reaching 175 GW of clean energy generation by March 2022, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether renewable energy installations surpassed those by coal power plants, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country is ready to quit coal power, if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of energy generated and utilised from coal fired plants currently;

(d) the extent to which the coal fired energy has decreased since 2017; and

(e) whether poor policies have sparked uncertainty over the duties on imported solar panels, causing a sharp decline in new solar capacity additions in 2018, if so, the manner in which the country is likely to achieve its target of clean energy?

Low Power Television (LPTV)

1738. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that more than 270 Low Power Television (LPTV) services were recently closed but staff of these units were not surrendered or transferred and taking salary without any work since three months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether most of the staff of these closed LPTV are technical persons or engineers and deputed to Prasar Bharati and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this excess staff can be posted in telecom or railways for utilising their technical knowledge instead of dumping excess engineers in Akashvani or Doordarshan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to settle this excess resources?

Government Assistance

1739. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing targeted assistance to Kuttanad region as a special case for revamping the end to end piped drinking water distribution system with a component allocation for

repairing of existing lines in view of the damages suffered by the region in the floods;

(b) whether the Government received any recommendation or proposal for the same from the Government of Kerala in this regard; and

(c) if so, the city-wise response of the Government thereto?

Solar Energy Corporation

†1740. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of 2500 megawatt solar wind hybrid power project in the country has been reduced to 1200 megawatt after issuing the tender for the said project but the tender of the concerned companies in this regard has not been cleared by Solar Energy Corporation of India despite the said reduction in capacity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the target of setting up 1,75,000 megawatt renewable energy project in the country will be adversely affected due to non-participation of companies in submitting tender, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the ongoing/pending projects under renewable energy as well as the renewable energy projects to be set up in future in the country, particularly in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

National Level Institute of Sanitation and Hygiene

1741. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of the feasibility study initiated by Central Government for setting up of a National Level Institute of Sanitation and Hygiene in the country;

(b) the time by when this proposed Research Centre is likely to start its operation; and

(c) whether the Government has received any representation to set up this institute in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Functioning of Transmitters

†1742. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether transmitters installed in various parts of the country by Doordarshan and Akashvani are not functioning properly due to lack of maintenance and shortage of operational staff and spare parts;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto, Doordarshan and Akashvani-wise and location-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any efforts to post adequate staff and for

procurement of spare parts for the said transmitters;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government thereto?

Mining in the State of Goa

1743. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT: ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of mining in the State of Goa;

(b) whether the Government proposes to amend the Mines and Mineral (MMDR) Act, 1957 and if so, the time by which the said amendment is likely to be implemented;

(c) the details of measures proposed by the Government for resumption of mining activities in Goa;

(d) the annual revenue from mining in the State of Goa prior to stoppage of mining in Goa in 2018;

(e) the details of measures taken by the Government to uphold the livelihood of those workers, investors, contractors etc. who have been affected due to stoppage of mining in Goa; and

(f) the present status of Appeal no. 32108 of 2015 filed by the Goa Foundation and pending before the Supreme Court?

Safe Drinking Water

1744. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to improve access to safe drinking water in rural areas; and

(b) the measures/projects taken to improve poor quality underground water in rural areas?

Development of Sports Complexes

†1745. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate funds have been allocated for the development of state-of-the-art sports complexes and entertainment facilities for the youth under any scheme or project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether experts from foreign companies have been invited to collaborate with Indian companies for development of sports and entertainment facilities in the country particularly in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hirakud Irrigation Project

1746. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

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

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

(a) whether the purpose of construction of Hirakud irrigation project is now not fulfilling the aspiration of the people of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps the Government is taking to restore the project and its water capacity; and

(c) the steps the Government is taking to resolve the dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh on water issue?

Fluoride Contamination Test

1747. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of various reports indicating the existence of simpler colour-changing test to detect fluoride in drinking water and the research outcomes published in the journal Chemical Communication in this regard has been enquired by the Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be considering to engage the University of Bath in Britain to verify the research and to establish on site testing spots in districts where incidence of fluorosis is high in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, city-wise?

Ganga Rejuvenation Project

†1748. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:
ADV. SHARADKUMAR MARUTI BANSODE:

SHRI LALLU 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 steps taken by the Government for Ganga river rejuvenation and development of river during the last three years;

(b) the current status of implementation of the Ganga Rejuvenation Project and the details of work completed thereunder along with the quantum of funds sanctioned and spent for the purpose so far;

(c) whether there has been inordinate delay in cleaning of the said river and implementing the project meant for the purpose and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has set any time limit in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Ganga river is likely to be cleaned?

Alternative Fuel

1749. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce methanol from coal as an alternative fuel for the transport system in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has achieved any success in the pilot project in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which methanol could bring out a revolution in the energy market thereof; and

(d) the production proposal along with the Government suggestions to develop methanol production and the report of the National Green Tribunal thereon?

Vehicles on Clean Fuels

†1750. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government in collaboration with the Private Sector has prepared/proposes to prepare any action plan to launch more indigenous and clean fuel e-vehicles keeping in view the increasing pollution, oil consumption and expenditure spending in the country and if so, the details thereof and the guidelines in this regard;

(b) the extent to which burden on the Government exchequer is likely to be reduced and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether vehicle manufactures have started manufacturing such vehicles and the measures being taken by the Government;

(d) whether the Government has taken a decision to exempt the bio-fuel driven vehicles from permit and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has fixed any timeframe for running all the vehicles on bio-fuel electricity?

Quality of Drinking Water

†1751. SHRI NAGENDRA PRATAP SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether drinking water being provided to Delhites and the people of rest of country is not safe as published in daily Amar Ujala dated 03.12.2018;

(b) the efforts being made to provide safe drinking water to Delhites and people of the country;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent people from water borne diseases caused by ammonia content in water; and

(d) whether National Capital Territory of Delhi has failed to provide safe drinking water?

Rationalisation of Air Fare

1752. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air fare of many other domestic and foreign airlines fluctuate continuously;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to rationalize both domestic and international air fares;

(c) the number of international flights operating to India and abroad;

(d) whether there is any restriction for the opening of new sectors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of NHs in Gujarat

1753. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing/pending projects of construction and development of National Highways (NHs) in the country, State-wise especially in Gujarat during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether construction work is yet to commence on atleast 150 NH projects, covering over 5000 km, which were awarded during the last financial year and if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the process;

(d) the status of acquisition of land for widening the National Highways in Gujarat till 31 March, 2018;

(e) whether the process of aligning the bypasses on the said National Highways has been completed and if so, the time by which the construction work on the said National Highways is likely to be completed; and

(f) the details of modules *viz.* Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) or Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) etc. being adopted for their construction?

Domestic Cargo

1754. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:
SHRI MALYADRI
SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the growth of the domestic cargo business in the current financial year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government would establish offsite air freight stations and would come with an air cargo policy, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the establishment would be against the interests of airport operators, if so, the steps to be taken to balance their interests?

Stranded Power Plants

1755. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Level Empowered Committee (HLEC) set up by Union Government has come out with its report on stranded thermal power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons that have contributed to the current scenario;

(c) the details of thermal power projects which are entirely fuelled by coal and lignite;

(d) whether the aforesaid committee has suggested measures to resolve the challenges;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken to resolve the challenges faced by the thermal power projects?

FAME Scheme

1756. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the outlay for the first phase of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric vehicles (FAME) scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has decided to give subsidy for all categories of electric vehicles and if so, the details thereof along with the fund allocation details; and

(c) whether the results of the first phase of FAME schemes are not satisfactory and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to improve the implementation of first phase?

Assessment of NRDWP

1757. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Rural Drinking Water Programme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at providing every person in rural India with “adequate, safe water” for drinking, cooking and other domestic basic needs in a “sustainable manner”;

(b) if so, whether more than 163 million Indians do not have access to safe drinking water;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard;

(d) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme has failed in its target despite spending 90% of Rs. 89.956 crore budget over five years and if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether poor execution of works and weak contract management for water-supply projects remaining “incomplete, abandoned and non-operational are identified for failure of achievement of target;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government for speedy completion of incomplete projects and to make abandoned and non-operational projects functional?

Scarcity of Water

†1758. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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 acute scarcity of water in various parts of the country

despite average monsoon and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the matter and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any draft to ensure adequate availability of water especially potable water in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of additional water reservoirs created by the Government in the country during the last two years, State-wise?

Land Acquisition

†1759. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions of Land Acquisition Act are being tuned in favour of capitalists by implementing provision to return the acquired land to the Ryots lying unutilised for five years, ban on acquisition of multi-crop agricultural land and to relax the provisions to prosecute Government officials/head of the departments for violating the provision of the said Act and by diluting the provisions meant to protect the interest of farmers;

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

(c) the details of the reformative steps taken by the Government so that farmers and tribals do not become landless; and

(d) the details of outcome thereof?

Funds for Renewable Energy Projects

1760. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes of new and renewable energy projects and funds earmarked in current financial year in the country, State-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government has utilised the earmarked funds for the development of renewable energy projects in the country during each of the last two years;

(c) if so, the details of the implementation of the schemes completed or being completed and the details of funds sanctioned and utilised, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of funds sanctioned to States, particularly to Jharkhand for the renewable energy projects and development of infrastructure?

Maintenance of NHs

1761. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the amount spent for maintenance of each National Highway (NH) during the last four years;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the quality of maintenance works are not up to the prescribed standard and if so, the reason for poor quality in maintenance work;

(c) whether it comes to the notice of the Government that several complaints have been lodged in different States against the corruptions in implementing the NH works and their maintenance;

(d) if so, the details of action taken by the Government to regulate and monitor the NH works and maintenance works in a transparent manner;

(e) the procedure adopted by the Government to test the quality of materials used for NH work and their maintenance; and

(f) if so, whether the Government proposes to establish an agency under CVC to crosscheck the NH work and its maintenance?

FASTags

1762. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to provide about 10,000 to 12,000 FASTags for vehicles attached to persons and dignitaries who are entitled for “free ride” through toll plazas on National Highways (NHs) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working on New Highway Toll Policy on “pay as you use” basis, if so, the details thereof along with the date line of list launch if any, decided;

(d) if so, whether the Government has any plan to offer discounts to those who are using FASTags in order to promote the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, whether the Government has any data on the number of FASTags issued during the last 2 years, if so, State-wise and UT-wise details thereof?

Renewable Energy Capacity

1763. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether renewable energy capacity could touch 225 GW by 2022 if hydroelectricity is added to the renewable category as is being done the world over and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether hydro-projects below 25 MW are considered renewable and those above are considered non-renewable and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to remove this distinction and prepare a report to put it out for public consultation and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Government Commercial Pilot Institutes

†1764. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Government Commercial Pilot Institutes in the country along with the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the number of private commercial pilot institutes being operated at present along with the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to open Government Commercial Pilot Institutes in the country in view of providing facilities to the people and increase employment;

(d) if so, the time by which the said institutes are likely to be opened; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of NHs in Tamil Nadu

1765. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to construct six-way and eight-way road projects in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total estimated cost of the said projects and the details of the funds to be generated for the same; and

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for the completion of the said projects and if so, the details thereof?

National Sports University Bill

1766. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Sports University Bill;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce another Bill for sports university and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to cut the budget of the Ministry by 22 per cent and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the financial implications of the Khelo India 2019 edition; and

(e) whether the budgetary crunch is going to impact the Khelo India scheme and if so, the measures being taken by the Government to offset the same?

Development of CEZs under Sagarmala Programme

1767. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of development of the 14 Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) that were identified under the National Perspective Plan of the Sagarmala Programme;

(b) the details of final institutional framework and roadmap being followed for the development of these zones;

(c) the budgetary outlay made for the development of the said zones; and

(d) whether certain other Ministries are also involved in this programme and if so, the details thereof?

Pending Hydro Power Project

†1768. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of hydro power projects with a capacity of more than thirteen thousand megawatts are lying stranded/pending at various stages of completion;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the cost and time overruns of the said projects upto 2017, project-wise;

(c) whether a special committee has been constituted for facilitating investment, issuance of clearance and coordination in works amongst various institutions involved in both hydro and thermal power generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of Worship Idols

†1769. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to allocate a separate

spot 'Samaagridan' for disposing of items used during worship and immersion of small idols since as per Hindu rituals these are considered holy and cannot be disposed off in dustbins, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is ban on disposing of worship material and immersed small idols in the rivers and fence had already been installed along the rivers, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any new scheme to create awareness among people in the rural areas as it is often seen that the people in the rural areas do not use dustbins; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Government Jobs to Medal Winners

†1770. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any policy to provide Government jobs to the Indian players winning medals at national/international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of medal winning players at the national/international level, who have not got any Government job yet;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide jobs to the players winning medals at the national/international level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Panipat-Jalandhar NH

1771. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some bridges are still incomplete on Panipat-Jalandhar Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether two fly-overs at Phagwara and Jalandhar are incomplete since long time; and

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

Sports Funding in the Country

1772. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports funding in the country is inadequate as compared to global standards and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to enhance the funding;

(b) whether the Government is taking steps to improve transparency in sports spending by providing more incentives to the corporate sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to use technology as a part of e-governance regarding sports budget, sponsorships and

spending and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to bring all the sports associations under Right to Information Act in order to make all the sports bodies accountable and transparent in their operations?

Ongoing Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

†1773. SHRI RAJENDRA D. GAVIT:

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 ongoing Centrally sponsored irrigation projects in Maharashtra;

(b) the progress made so far in these projects and the number of farmers benefited therefrom; and

(c) the details of irrigation projects meant for agriculture which are going on in drought affected areas like Vidarbha in Maharashtra?

Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana

1774. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes which have been undertaken to support women farmers under the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh under the said scheme;

(c) whether there is a monitoring mechanism for the said pariyojana and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any study or randomized control trials have been conducted to study the efficacy of the said pariyojana; and

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

Construction of Coastal Roads

†1775. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been received from the Government for the construction of coastal road from Navi Mumbai to Vashi Toll gate to Airoli bay and if so, the details thereof along with the type of works, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is planning to construct a 35 km long coastal road from Nariman Point to Kandivali;

(c) whether the Residents Association of Bandra (Mumbai) have shown some resistance to it on the plea that it is not going to be useful for the larger interests of the residents;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Bandra Residents' Association for preferring a metro than the road project as according to them less than 1% of daily trips are likely to use the proposed coastal road; and

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

PMGSY

†1776. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received for allocation of funds along with the allocation made under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals approved by the Government along with the number of those lying pending for the clearance during the said period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to focus on those villages where there is urgent requirement of construction of roads and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to expedite the construction of roads in the upcoming months/years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the current phase of the PMGSY under progress across the country, State-wise including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh?

Operation of Purnea Airport

†1777. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make the Purnea Airport of Bihar operational for the common people;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government proposes to make it operational; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Distribution Deal for Air India

1778. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of distribution deal for Air India, if any, with Travelpport ticketing agency;

(b) whether the agency is related to Indigo Airlines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation of conflict of interest before the deal was finalised, if so, the details thereof?

Power Generation

†1779. SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been 6.2% increase in electricity generation in the country during the period from April to September, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether electricity tariff has also been increased during the above period in the country for power trading under the Indian Energy Exchange Programme;

(d) if so, the extent of increase registered therein; and

(e) the reasons for increase in the tariff despite increase in the generation of electricity?

**Quality of Contents
Aired on DD**

†1780. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news and other programmes being aired on Doordarshan (DD) are turning out to be less popular in comparison to the programmes shown on private channels;

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

(c) whether any attempts have been made by Prasar Bharati to improve the quality of its news and other programmes aired on DD channels/Akashvani to bring it at par with the programmes shown on private channels to increase the number of its audience;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Doordarshan/Akashvani-wise; and

(e) the details of other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the quality of programmes being aired on DD channels/Akashvani?

Power Consumed by Industries

†1781. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed norms for restricting the consumption of power by the power intensive industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether said norms are being complied with by all the industries;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that mandatory norms relating to consumption of power are being complied with by the industries?

Accident due to Drunken-Driving

1782. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:
SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether increase in the number of road accidents due to drunken driving has been reported from various States of the country; if so, the details of road accidents due to drunken driving reported during the last three years;

(b) whether a large number of suggestions have been received from Road Safety Forums/Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for reducing accidents on National Highways and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also received representations from various quarters regarding closure of liquor shops along the National Highways and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Development of Kempegowda Airport

1783. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

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

(a) whether the Government intends to develop Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru as International Transit Hub;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has carried out any study and found that due to the rapid rise in passenger traffic both domestic and international over the years, Bengaluru will need a second airport by 2030 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering to reopen HAL airport in Bengaluru; and

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

News Bulletins in Regional Languages

†1784. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote the broadcast/telecast of news bulletins in regional languages through Doordarshan and Akashvani at national level;

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

(c) the details of various steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the duration of news bulletins in regional languages and improving the same?

Implementation of MGNREGS

†1785. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has not produced desired result in eliminating rural poverty and unemployment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the implementation of the said scheme has not been effective in some States and funds have been misappropriated;

(c) if so, the names of such States; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement the said scheme earnestly?

Construction of NHs in Nagaland

1786. SHRI TOKHEHO:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether SARDP work order has been issued for four roads in the districts

of Phek, Zunheboto, Longlem and Mon in Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the starting and completion date of said project;

(c) actual time given for completion of four lane NH-29 between Dimapur and Kohima in Nagaland; and

(d) the amount of fund that has been released and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Anomalies in Salaries of Employees

†1787. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether anomalies in the salaries of the employees have been reported due to merger of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove those anomalies;

(d) whether the merger has affected the promotional avenues for the employees and also decreased their moral; and

(e) whether Air India is taking any steps to enhance the efficiency of its man power?

Power Projects

1788. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether studies have been conducted to explore the feasibility of setting up thermal power projects in the country including Tamil Nadu State;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the details of the thermal power projects under consideration of the Government to be set up in Tamil Nadu State?

Subsidy for Textile Sector

1789. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides subsidy/tax benefit for establishing textiles manufacturing units in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to revive textile and handloom/handicraft industries in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulatory Framework for Online Media/News Content

1790. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

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 this 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?

DDU-GKY

†1791. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide remunerative employment to the rural population, particularly the BPL and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe category through skill training programmes conducted under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons belonging to the BPL and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe category who were provided initial skill training under the said programme, State-wise?

Iron Ore Mines in Jharkhand

†1792. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to discontinuation of mining activities in iron ore mines in Jharkhand unemployment is increasing and people are migrating to other States such as Odisha and Madhya Pradesh where mining activities in iron ore mines are continuing;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for discontinuation of mining activities in iron ore mines in Jharkhand; and

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to restart work in iron ore mines in Jharkhand?

Funds under SAGY

1793. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those villages in Kerala which have been brought under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), district-wise;

(b) the funds received for the said villages in Kerala under existing schemes such as the erstwhile Indira Awas Yojana and current Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Grameen, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and Backward Regions Grant Fund, the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), the gram panchayat's own revenue, Central and State Finance Commission Grants, and Corporate Social Responsibility funds during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of the institutional development undertaken under the said funds in said villages to develop them as model villages?

Road Construction under Phases of PMGSY

1794. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) phase 2 & 3 has started in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of places where the construction of phase 2 has started in the State along with the status of the same and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether all incomplete construction of Phase 1 will be constructed under phase 2 & 3 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of any other States where the PMGSY has not moved to phase 1;

(e) the details regarding the roads constructed under PMGSY in Bihar during the last four years, district-wise; and

(f) the quantum of funds allocated and utilized for the same in Bihar during the said period?

Compensation against Land Acquisition

†1795. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 329 dated 09.08.2018 and to state:

(a) whether the figures given in the reply are not in conformity with the actual figures;

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

(c) whether the Government is denying compensation to the farmers of Marathwada after acquisition of their land;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is ready to redress the said issue or taking any measures in this regard; and

(f) if so, the time by which this issue would be resolved?

Projects for Cleaning of Ganga River

†1796. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain projects have been formulated by the Government to clean the Ganga river and for controlling pollution so as to ensure its uninterrupted flow;

(b) if so, the details of the projects along with the cost of construction of each such project;

(c) the time by which the construction work of each project is likely to be started and completed; and

(d) the extent to which pollution in the Ganga river is likely to reduce after completion of the projects?

Ganga River Basin Management Plan

1797. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government's effort have been largely on cleaning of the Ganga river by installing sewage plants in riverine cities but neglecting to take steps to ensure the river's natural flow and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether the Government is having any proposal to ban hydro power projects on this river and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is having any consultation with experts from certain foreign countries to evolve a Ganga River Basin Management Plan and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study on the river basin management plan submitted by the consortium of seven IITs and if so, the details thereof?

Provisions made under MGNREGS

†1798. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the budget provisions made and funds utilised during the year 2009-14 and 2014-18 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), State-wise including Haryana;

(b) whether the Government proposes to put an end to the schemes under MGNREGS and shift the said budget of developed States in some other projects (Sports, Education, Health etc.); and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Water Scarcity in Rural Areas

†1799. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of rural settlements in the country;

(b) the number of rural settlements out of the same where clean drinking water is available;

(c) whether the Government is aware that there is major scarcity of drinking water especially in villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether recently there has been a heavy decline in the level of water bodies in rural areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Projects under Namami Gange Mission

†1800. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

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 projects started under Namami Gange Mission from 2014 to till date along with the amount allocated for such projects, State/project-wise;

(b) the total number of ghats whose construction work has been completed thereunder so far and the number of such ghats which are proposed to be completed, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any information or data about the total number of those cities where drains or sewerage are being discharged in Ganga river and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan of the Government to overcome the situation?

Expansion of Airport

†1801. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for expansion of airport infrastructure;

(b) if so, the names of the airports for which fund has been allocated so far, airport-wise;

(c) the total amount allocated for expansion of airports during the last three years along with the amount sought by the department;

(d) the number of world class airports across the country where infrastructure has been upgraded; and

(e) the total FDI investment made for expansion of airport infrastructure along with the names of countries from where FDIs have been made?

Promotion of Sports by SAI

1802. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stadiums/Regional Centres functioning under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of stadiums, hostels and regional centres where construction works are under progress under SAI, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether SAI is implementing any promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons and to nurture them to excel at national and international competitions and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of talented sports persons who are provided regular sports training under the sports promotional schemes, sports-wise;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for imparting training to more number of talented sports persons in various sports and games; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to win more number of international medals by Indian youth in various sports fields?

Air Demand and Green Field Airport

1803. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per annum terminal capacity against the demand at all Indian airports at present in the country;

(b) whether the Government has made any assessment that there will be huge increase in the number of air passengers by 2030 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has granted "in principle" approval for setting up of new Greenfield Airports across the country to meet the demands;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of these airports, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the expenditure involved along with the manner in which it will be met in each of the airports being set up in the country?

Shortage of Skilled Manpower

1804. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of skilled workers in the Civil Aviation sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same along with the efforts being made by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India has entered into a strategic partnership of skill development in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the financial support extended during each of the last three years and the current year for the said purpose; and

(e) the number of youth benefited from said training during the said period?

Handloom Clusters in Telangana and AP

1805. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned Handloom Clusters to the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to be established in Mandal Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of allocations made for each cluster and the amount so far released under this project; and

(d) the details thereof?

Welfare of Handloom Weavers

1806. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of difficulties faced by the handloom weavers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent under various welfare schemes for handloom weavers during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of achievements in providing marketing facilities to the weavers and the total number of weavers benefited during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether the handloom weavers are facing competition from the powerloom and mill sectors; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for welfare of the handloom weavers?

Sale of Air India Property

1807. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has to garner funds to the tune of Rs. 5,000 crore between April, 2014 and March, 2021 with an annual target of Rs. 500 crore from FY, 2013 onwards and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Air India had put 14 properties on sale in various cities such as Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Pune and Amritsar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India has mopped up Rs. 543.03 crore from monetization of its assets in prime locations such as Mumbai and Chennai and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Air India plans to mop up Rs. 700-800 crore by selling over 70 residential and commercial properties spread across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is also true that the properties, which are spread over 16 cities across the country, are likely to be auctioned through the State run auction MSTC and if so, the details thereof?

Budgetary Allocation under MGNREGS

1808. KM. SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget allocation for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been increased during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the achievements made under MGNREGS;

(c) the measures taken to remove most of the banking issues that act as a hindrance for MGNREGS wage payment;

(d) whether 20th Central Employment Guarantee Council (CEGC) meeting was held recently and if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(e) whether MGNREGS has become more encompassing and 260 types of works have been covered under it and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to provide insurance to the workers under MGNREGS and link MGNREGS to "Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana" and if so, the details thereof?

Saubhagya Scheme

1809. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient feature of Saubhagya Scheme;

(b) the details of beneficiaries of Saubhagya Scheme in the country, State-wise including Bundelkhand;

(c) whether 274 villages have not been electrified even after the launch of Saubhagya Scheme if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these villages are likely to get the electricity; and

(d) the details of success of Saubhagya scheme?

Green Highways

1810. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved its aims and objectives for which Green Highways were launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the green corridor along National Highways, State-wise;

(c) whether under Green Highway policy, 1 percent of the total cost of highway project will go to the Green Highway Fund, if so, total funds collected since its inception and the amount utilized/spent till date;

(d) whether the Government has awarded green highway projects to the

empanelled agencies for plantation on highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the payment system and time limit for the completion of work till date?

Bad Condition of NHs in North East

1811. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways (NHs) under construction in the North East at present;

(b) whether some of them are in bad condition, if so, the details thereof; and

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

NH in Coastal Areas

1812. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways (NHs) along the coastline, State-wise;

(b) the length of coastal highways not yet notified as NHs, State-wise along with the steps taken by the Government to notify the same as NHs;

(c) the norms laid down by the Government for development of NHs in the coastal areas of the country;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from some States for construction of NHs in coastal areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon including the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise; and

(f) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

Electrification of Villages

1813. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had claimed that 84% of rural households will have electricity connections till 2017;

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

(c) whether the Government has launched the "Saubhagya" scheme to provide connections to the remaining 3.4 crore unconnected households by 2019;

(d) if so, the number of households remained unconnected till October, 2018

(e) the names of the States which have provided electricity to all households; and

(f) the sources from which the funds are received to cover the rural households under the Saubhagya Scheme?

Privatisation of Airport

1814. SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:
SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRIMATI BUTTA
RENUKA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to bid out the shares of six airports—Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru to private partners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that outsourcing of these airports to private companies would lead to a hike in airport charges;

(d) if so, the action taken/to be taken by the Government to minimize airport charges in such occasions;

(e) the action to be taken by the Government to avoid redeployment or termination of employees in the airports after outsourcing the services; and

(f) whether the Government is ready to withdraw the decision and if so, the details thereof?

Status of PMGSY in Uttar Pradesh

†1815. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Uttar Pradesh during the last four years till date, District-wise;

(b) whether requests for construction of roads connecting important locations under the said Yojana from Uttar Pradesh have been received and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked for the construction of the said roads in the State;

(d) the number of roads identified under PMGSY during the said period, district-wise and location-wise; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for their construction?

Namami Gange Mission

1816. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

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 fixed a target of cleaning upto 70 to 80 per cent of Ganga river by March 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which this river has been cleaned from place to place so far and the quantum of money that has been spent on it since 2014;

(c) whether the Government has monitored its water quality at different locations and if so, the extent to which the quality of water has improved in 2018 as compared to 2017;

(d) whether the Government has focussed largely on curbing flow of untreated sewage into the river but not on managing faecal sludge under Namami Gange Mission and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(e) whether most of the Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are defunct and some are underutilized; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Signage and IRC Standards

1817. SHRI MALYADRI
SRIRAM:
SHRI DHARAM VIRA:
SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that in 15 out of 32 cities, more than 30% signages were not as per IRC standards and not a single road, out of 45 km covered in field audit, conducted for Supreme Court Committee by IIT-Delhi, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and DIMTS complied with the IRC standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure compliance of IRC standards; and

(c) whether steps have been taken by the Government to prevent rampant encroachment of footpaths as the above survey highlights 70% encroachment in 19 out of 32 cities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocations and Utilisations under SBM-G

1818. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) - Grameen and utilisation of the funds allocated/ released, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has urged the States to fully utilise the funds released and if so, the details thereof and response from State, especially Jharkhand; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to monitor the effective implementation of the scheme?

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

1819. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing any administrative and other issues with regard to the functioning of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur as a Deemed University;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any delay in the appointment for the post of Vice-Chairman of RGNIYD; and

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

Extension of UDAN Scheme

1820. SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR
REDDY:
SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many routes granted to operators in the first round of bids are yet to become operational, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there are any challenges cited by scheduled commuter airlines to commence services, if so, the steps taken by the Government to remedy these problems;

(c) whether the Government plans to extend the UDAN programme to international routes, if so, the details of the set target and the progress made in coordinating with States thus far; and

(d) whether the Government has proposed the setting up of an International

Air Connectivity Fund to provide subsidy support under the scheme, if so, the details as to how the Government envisages the functioning of the said fund?

Bharatmala Pariyojana

†1821. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads proposed to be constructed under Bharatmala Pariyojana project;

(b) the details of the projects on which work has been started so far thereunder along with the projects which are likely to be implemented at the earliest;

(c) the number of districts being connected under the same along with the details and the number of cities where logistic parks are proposed to be set up;

(d) whether the Government is on track to achieve the target of awarding 50% of projects under phase one of the Bharatmala Pariyojana by December 2018, as announced by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways and if so, the reasons for such delays; and

(e) if not, the estimated time-frame required by the Government to complete awarding 50% of these projects?

Compensation to Road Accident Victims

1822. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
SHRI RAJENDRA D.
GAVIT:
SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a substantial rise in the number of accidents on expressways, national highways in comparison to the past few financial years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering grant of compensation to victims of road accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rates of compensation being provided to the victims of road accidents have been reviewed by the Government during the last five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan and the procedure and time-limit for the payment of compensation;

(e) whether any committee has been set up with regard to providing monetary assistance and relief to the victims and their relatives in road accidents and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which its recommendations are likely to be implemented?

e-Vehicles

1823. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote e-vehicles for public transport in the country;

(b) whether any subsidy has been provided by the Government to purchase such e-vehicles for commercial use;

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

(d) the number of e-vehicles registered till date, category and State-wise;

(e) whether the Government is considering to make a separate policy to promote such e-vehicles and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether sufficient infrastructure/technology is available to convert conventional vehicles into electric vehicles and if so, the details thereof?

Violation of Laws by Media Organisations

1824. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent past some of the Media Organisations/Houses have violated the rape-laws by disclosing the identity of the rape victims/survivors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Press Council of India (PCI) has limited power to take any

stringent action or initiate criminal prosecution, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any action against the Media Organisations/Houses or the Reporters/Journalists for having violated the rape laws and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to prohibit such Reporters/Journalists and the Media Organisations/Houses for violating rape-laws by amending the present laws; and

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

Inter-State Connectivity Projects

†1825. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRIMATI TABASSUM
BEGUM:

Will the Minister of ROAD
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects under inter-State connectivity project lying incomplete in the country at present;

(b) the date by which the said projects are likely to be completed;

(c) the date by which the construction of incomplete bridge at Daulatpur *alias* Shahalipur village Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh under the said project is likely to be completed to connect Uttar Pradesh and Haryana;

(d) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the State Government for the construction of inter-State bridges and roads important from

economic perspectives during the last three years till date and if so, the details thereof, State and year-wise; and

(e) the names of the States proposed to be provided financial assistance in this regard during the current year?

Non-Veg Meals

1826. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has stopped serving non-vegetarian meals for economy class passengers on domestic routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is to cut down operational costs or due to any belief issues and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to impose the same condition on international routes too; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Greenfield and Brownfield Airports

1827. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regulatory revamp for Greenfield and Brownfield airports under the NABH Nirman Scheme has attracted the necessary private investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Greenfield airports that have been completed and the number of new projects that are in pipeline; and

(d) the details of the Key Performance Indicators that have been formulated for Greenfield airports?

India in Global Aviation Market

1828. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is likely to become the third largest aviation market globally a year sooner than was earlier expected by 2024 from its current seventh position and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is expected to add 414 million passengers to its existing 572 million passengers by the year 2037; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme

1829. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on Indian Wind Turbine Certification Scheme (IWTCS);

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

(c) whether the Government has approved 40 MW of grid-connected

rooftop solar projects for the domestic/institutional/social segment for Delhi State, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to expand this to Maharashtra, Haryana, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in the near future; and

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

Implementation of NRDWP in Maharashtra

1830. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is being implemented in the State Maharashtra and if so, the salient features thereof and the financial, technical assistance provided to Maharashtra and number of rural habitations covered during each of the last five years;

(b) the number of water quality affected habitations in Maharashtra;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government to provide clean drinking water in drought prone areas of Maharashtra; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the current status of drinking water availability in drought prone districts in Maharashtra?

Personality and Career Development of Youth

1831. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for development of personality and career of youth in the country;

(b) whether the Government has data regarding the number of unemployed youth in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has data regarding the number of youth provided employment annually in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Management of River Water

†1832. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

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

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any steps in the direction of creating new system regarding management and distribution of river water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Drone Corridor

†1833. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan for transportation of organs for transplant through drone corridor and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented or become functional in the country including Madhya Pradesh?

Bid for Olympics-2032

1834. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to forward a formal expression of interest to the International Olympic committee to bid for Olympics, 2032;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to prepare a list of the venues for hosting the Olympic 2032 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has worked out the estimated cost of expenditure to host the Olympics 2032; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Extent of SBM

1835. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

Polluting Commercial Vehicles

1836. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing any policy to take hundreds of thousands of polluting commercial vehicles off the road;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made/being made by the Government to curb emissions and boost demand for new vehicles?

Public Transport System

1837. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revamp public transport system as there is a shortfall of 27 lakh passenger bus transport services against the demand of 30 lakh buses in the country;

(b) whether rural transport system has been on the decline since 2014 in the country and that there are only 4 buses per 10,000 passengers;

(c) whether the Government proposes to encourage rural passenger transportation and plans to support State Governments to meet the demand of road transport therein; and

(d) if so, the plan details and budget provision thereof and whether Government has given any direction or financial assistance to the States?

Widening of NHs

1838. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the width of National Highways (NHs) and improve the road design to accommodate more vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any action to demolish the illegal civil structures that have come up along the National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

FM Service

1839. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of villages which are yet to be covered under FM Service across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the norms/criteria laid down by the Government for setting up of Radio Stations in the country;

(c) whether the cases of violation of said norms/criteria have come to the notice of the Government since approval of "policy guidelines on expansion of FM radio broadcasting services through private agencies (Phase-III)" in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government for irregularities/corruption in e-auction of FM channels of Phase-III along with action taken/being taken thereon; and

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(e) the other steps taken by the Government to cover each and every village of the country by FM Service along with the achievements thereon?

Release of Funds under SBM-G

1840. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not released first instalment under Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) for the financial year 2018-19 to certain States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether required Provisional Utilisation Certificates for the financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19 have been forwarded to the Government by Rajasthan but first instalment of Rs. 1283 crore out of approved Annual Work Plan of Centre share to the said State under this Mission for the financial year 2018-19 has not released so far;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the time by which funds are likely to be released by the Government?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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