

## 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)

### Total Number of Questions — 230

#### Garment Export

†2531. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the garment export has declined this year as compared to the previous year;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the percentage of decline in garment export this year as compared to the previous year; and

(c) the reasons for the decline?

#### Jute Production and Consumption

2532. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of total jute production and consumption in

the country during the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government imports and/or exports jute products to meet the requirements of the country and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage jute production and the results achieved therein?

#### Infrastructure at Airports

2533. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI: ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR: SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to improve the infrastructure of the airports and check delay in flights at various airports particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the funds allocated by the Government for the purpose;

(c) the details of how various important airports in the country have been ranked in the Survey conducted by British Aviation Intelligence firm OAG;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to effect improvements in observing punctuality by airports; and

(e) whether Government proposes to maintain and further strengthen the Master Plan for airports prepared since last 10 years while handing over the airport operations to private companies for the lease of 30 years and if so, the details thereof?

#### Houses Constructed under PMAY in Assam

2534. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a social welfare flagship programme to provide housing for rural poor in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of houses constructed in Assam, particularly in the districts falling under Kokrajhar Parliamentary Constituency, during the last five years; and

(d) the quantum of funds utilized in the said State, particularly in the districts falling under Kokrajhar Parliamentary Constituency, during the said period, year-wise?

#### Merger of Independent Bodies into One Media Bureau

2535. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has merged the different independent bodies into one media bureau;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to centralize the policy, finance, legal and control over the regional media centers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which this bureau is likely to be helpful to integrate the regional focus and the interdependency of the units merged therein?

#### Implementation of Renewable Energy Schemes in North-Eastern States

2536. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK: SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special provision of annual budget allocation has been made for the implementation of renewable energy schemes in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details of budget allocation made during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the ways and means through which the Union Government has effectively utilised the renewable energy in the North-Eastern States;

(d) whether the North-Eastern States have a great potential to harvest solar energy and in some places even hydro and wind power and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Union Government has any data regarding the estimated renewable energy available for harvesting in North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Union Government has sanctioned solar parks in North-Eastern States to achieve the target of solar energy by 2022 and if so, the details thereof?

**NRDWP and Swajal Project**

2537. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held a national consultation on National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and Swajal Project recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes reforms in NRDWP and if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether Swajal Project has been launched in 115 aspirational districts and if so, the special features, financial outlay, objectives and implementation plan thereof;

(d) whether the Government has announced modernisation of 2000 Water Quality Testing Laboratories and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to spend Rs. 1000 crore to provide clean drinking water to 27,544 arsenic and fluoride affected habitations and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Power Generated from Waste/  
Garbage**

2538. SHRI RAGHAV  
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power generated from waste and garbage material in the country along with the financial assistance given by the Union Government to various States during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) whether the Government is considering initiatives like tying with solid waste management companies, municipal corporations and technology institutions to boost the waste-to-energy programme and if so, the details thereof?

**Roads Proposed to be Constructed under Bharatmala Pariyojana**

2539. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length in kilometers of roads that have been proposed to be constructed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise including Kerala;

(c) whether the Government will give priority to such roads as the small link roads are vital for the cargo movement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Dealing Trend in Power Sector**

2540. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth in the power sector has shown a declining trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the situation for the declining trend in this important sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government have initiated remedial action to tackle the situation, if so, the details thereof?

**National Offshore Wind Energy Policy**

2541. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Offshore Wind Energy Policy including the tariff cost structure of offshore wind power production;

(b) the details of initiatives undertaken by the National Institute of Wind Energy to implement the policy since its inception year-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has ascertained substantial scope for wind power production off the coasts of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

**National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board**

†2542. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a "National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board" to minimize

the number of accidents and deaths on National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government/NHAI has utilised the funds allocated for road safety during the year 2017-18;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Handloom/Handicraft Haat

†2543. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Urban Handloom/Handicraft Haats in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof along with the amount allocated for this purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the Urban Handloom/Handicraft Haats functioning in Gujarat at present, location-wise?

#### Mobile/Internet Facility to Air Passengers

2544. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:  
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines for using mobile and internet services in flights for the convenience of air travellers;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to charge extra on this account and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the fresh initiatives taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's recommendations (TRAI) that flyers would be able to use the internet to check emails, send and receive messages on social networking sites;

(d) whether Air India has taken a decision to offer laptops to Air India's business class passengers only when the in-built video screens are not working or as an additional perk for the travellers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Compliance of Traffic Rules

2545. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:  
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to ensure 100% compliance of traffic rules by 2030 that every two wheeler rider wears standard helmets, car occupants wear seatbelts and child restrains besides bringing laws to stop or restrict use of mobile phones when driving to reduce road accidents and fatalities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the consensus was achieved at a global meeting called by World Health Organization at Geneva to seal the road safety global voluntary performance targets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Near Miss Air Incident

2546. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether two planes got too close for comfort over Maharashtra airspace on 28.01.2018, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau is probing this scare in the skies, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the role of air traffic controller handling these planes is also being probed; and

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

#### Honorarium to Members of PRIs

2547. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to hike the monthly honorarium being paid to the Members of three tier Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government intends for a uniform policy nationwide in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of honorarium presently being paid to them in various States of the country, State/UT-wise?

#### Development of Major Ports

†2548. DR. RAM SHANKAR

KATHERIA:

SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop major ports in the country in view of large capacity of rivers for inland transportation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the transportation cost is likely to be reduced as a result thereof; and

(d) the number of rivers likely to be included under the said project, State-wise?

#### Registration of Drones

2549. SHRIMATI SANTOSH

AHLAWAT:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND

SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to begin the registration process for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones soon, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there are no regulations at present for the usage of drones in terms of altitude, endurance and categorisation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to draft regulations for the usage of drones in terms of altitude, endurance and categorisation in the near future; and

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

#### Setting up of Sports Complex

2550. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any integrated sports complex at various parts of the country including Hathras in Uttar Pradesh under any of the schemes;

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

(c) the details of facilities available at these complexes and the measures taken for conducting sports tournaments in these areas especially under Hathras region?

#### National Service Scheme

†2551. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students fixed for enrolment under the National Service Scheme in Jharkhand at present;

(b) whether the Government of Jharkhand has submitted any proposal for increasing the said number; and

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

#### Funds for Construction of NHs in Jharkhand and Punjab

†2552. SHRI SHER SINGH  
GHUBAYA:  
SHRI PASHUPATI NATH  
SINGH:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds provided to Jharkhand and Punjab for construction of National Highways during each of the last five years and the current year;

(b) the number of proposals for construction of new highways in Jharkhand and Punjab pending with the Government; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved by the Government?

#### Compulsory Testing Mechanism for Ground Water

2553. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for compulsory testing mechanism for ground water throughout the country;

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

(c) the steps taken/to be taken to initiate and implement the said proposal in each State at the earliest possible?

#### Contribution of Solar/Wind Energy

2554. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of solar and wind energy as compared to total electricity generation of the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names of top five States in the usage of solar energy for the generation of electricity; and

(c) the estimated quantum increase in the generation of solar and wind energy in next five years?

#### Cost of Air Travel

2555. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late, air travel has become much cheaper with the air fare being less than auto fare per kilometre, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the average cost per kilometre of a domestic flight in the economy class;

(c) whether due to increase in the number of air travelers and flights, the

country is poised to become the third biggest aviation market in the world and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken proactive measures to expand the airport infrastructure to achieve the objective of handling 1 billion travelers a year and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether recently, Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport set a world record of handling 980 flights on a single runway during a 24 hour period and if so, the details thereof?

#### State Roads for Consideration as New Highways

2556. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA  
RAJESHWARI SINGH:  
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR  
JENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has approved 12 State roads in principle for consideration as new highways for the State during the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;

(b) the details of roads of Odisha have approved in principle as National Highway during the last year;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for declaration of these roads as National Highway;

(d) the time by which the declaration would be completed and improvement works likely to start; and

(e) whether the State Government of Odisha has submitted 8 projects to the

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, if so, the present status of these projects?

#### Setting up of Airports

2557. SHRI PRABHAKAR  
REDDY KOTHA:  
DR. P.K. BIJU:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to establish regular airports in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities already having old airstrips in Telangana State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the airports that were converted into regular airports having old airstrips in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) the total number of domestic and international passengers who travelled through the airports in Kerala during the last three years; and

(e) the details of funds released for the development of different airports and air navigation infrastructure in Kerala during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and till date?

#### Sports Competitions under Khelo India Scheme

†2558. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
DR. BHARATIBEN D.  
SHYAL:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started conducting national level sports competitions under the Khelo India Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted by the Government in the selection of sports talent particularly from the rural areas for the said national level competitions and providing training to them for participating in International sports competitions; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure transparency and unbiased selection process of sports talents in the country?

#### Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources

†2559. SHRI RAM CHARAN  
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Union Government for the promotion of renewable energy sources including solar energy and their proper use in the country;

(b) whether grants have been released to certain private companies by the Union Government for the development of solar energy sources/systems in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details of the total funds released as grants to the private companies in the State, district-wise;

(d) whether certain companies have failed to utilise funds allocated for the said purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

#### Indian Textiles in International Market

2560. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:  
Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian textiles which are having large international market; and

(b) the rate of growth of sales of these textiles during the last three years?

#### Promotion of Sports

2561. SHRI GODSE HEMANT  
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports plays an important role in generating the spirit of healthy competition and bonding within the community and if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote sports;

(b) whether Indian population is one of the youngest in the world and the country has an immense potential for developing into a powerhouse of sports and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether India is lagging far behind the other countries in achieving excellence in sports and if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of schemes/programmes formulated by the Government to promote sports;

(d) the details of the total funds spent on sports by the Government per capita per day; and

(e) the details of measures taken to provide best training/coaching, state-of-the-art equipments and better support services to the sports persons?

#### Transportation of Fertilizers through Foreign Vessels

2562. SHRI KONAKALLA  
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to permit transportation of fertilizers through foreign vessels from one port to another port within the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the formalities likely to be followed under this new system?

#### Drinking Water Crisis in Assam

2563. SHRI BADRUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Assam has submitted any proposal to the Government to tackle the crisis of drinking water in flood affected Char areas;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken any steps to tackle the problem of drinking water in these areas of Assam;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the funds provided during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Traditional Cloth Handicrafters**

2564. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to support/boost traditional cloth handicrafters and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of States where these handicrafters are present;

(c) whether their financial condition is not promising due to inflow of synthetic garments and imports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve their condition?

#### **Financial Condition of DVC**

2565. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the critical financial condition of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) mainly due to rampant corruption at high echelons of its management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action initiated by the Government to save DVC from financial collapse; and

(d) the details of investigation instituted by his Ministry in this regard?

#### **R-APDRP**

2566. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities/towns covered under Restructured-Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP) by Union Government in association with the States;

(b) the number of cities/towns which have IT enabled power distribution system;

(c) whether the Government proposes to leverage information technology to ramp up its power distribution network in urban areas by January, 2019 in association with the States, if so, the details thereof and plan chalked out in this regard; and

(d) the total savings likely to be made after IT enable/ power distribution and the time by which the work is likely to be started?

#### **Displacement of Persons due to Construction of Dams**

†2567. DR. RAMESH  
POKHRIYAL  
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons displaced due to construction of dams have been allotted land in various States of the country including Uttarakhand;

(b) the categorical policy of the Government to save the displaced persons from difficulties in future;

(c) the action being taken by the Government to provide relief to several persons displaced by Tehri dam project to whom no land has been allotted till now;

(d) whether any clear cut directions have been given by the Government regarding benefits to be given to the displaced persons across various parts of the country; and

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

#### **Swachh Iconic Places**

2568. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared Sanitation Action Plan for 10 new Swachh Iconic Places (SIPs) identified under Phase-III recently;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof along with the number of Swachh Iconic Places as on 30.06.2018, Phase-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of work done at Phase-I and Phase-II of SIPs and if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) the financial assistance sanctioned for the project since its inception, site-wise;

(e) whether all the selected SIPs have resolved their sites completely free of plastic; and

(f) the steps taken for more coordinated work among all the stakeholders and for increasing Information, Education and Communication activities so as to

involve local people and the visitors at the iconic sites?

#### **Insurance Policy of Vehicles**

2569. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many vehicle owners do not have valid insurance policy when they drive on the road;

(b) if so, the number of vehicles found without valid insurance policy during each of the last three years along with the action taken to curb such instances;

(c) the details with regard to the extent to which the liability for third party insurance in case of death or injury in road accidents is covered;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to cap the maximum liability for third-party insurance claims in cases of death or injury in road accidents;

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

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government for quick settlement of claims?

#### **Funds For Inter-linking of Rivers**

†2570. 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) the ongoing schemes pertaining to inter-linking of rivers for conservation of water in the country;

(b) the funds allocated and spent thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government is taking or proposes to take any concrete measures to expedite the ongoing drive for inter-linking of rivers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Increasing Road Accidents

†2571. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of people dying in road accidents in the country is far greater in comparison to other countries of the world;

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

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bring down the number of people killed/injured as a result of road accidents?

### Third Largest Electricity Producer

2572. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is now the world's third-largest electricity producer;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether Multiple drivers, like industrial expansion and rising per capita income, are leading to growth in power demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this trend is set to continue in the coming years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Assessment of DDUGJY in the Country

2573. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.  
FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any performance assessment of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the number of villages electrified during the last three years along with the number of unelectrified villages, State-wise particularly in Gujarat;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to electrify the remaining villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Handloom Clusters in Jharkhand

†2574. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up handloom clusters in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount allocated for the purpose and the places identified therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Flight Delays at Mumbai Airport

2575. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the difficulties being faced by the passengers due to flight delays at Mumbai Airport and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any representation from the peoples' representatives in this regard and if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government is aware that during the past three months, 45% flights got delayed, sometime for more than an hour and if so, the reasons for deteriorating flight times and delay;

(d) whether Mumbai Airport is overcrowded by flights, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether for giving priority to private/chartered flights by Mumbai ATC, other flights get delayed; and

(f) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study to find the cause of delay and take action to run all flights in time and if so, the details thereof?

### Length of NH under Bharatmala

2576. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Bharatmala highway programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total length of National Highways (in Kilometres) in various States under Bharatmala;

(c) whether Government proposes to make all National Highways with four lanes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when this process is likely to be completed?

### Expansion of FM Radio Network

†2577. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION  
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the FM radio network to bring more cities of the country under FM radio network; and

(b) if so, the number of cities proposed to be included in this regard and the various steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

### District Mineral Foundation in Bihar

†2578. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Mineral Foundation has been set up in various districts of Bihar especially Sheohar district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of work done so far under the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalayan Yojana (PMKKKY) for the development of mining affected areas and for the welfare of people in Sheohar district of Bihar?

#### **National Sports Development Code of India**

2579. SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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 Development Code of India (NSDCI);

(b) whether the Government has constituted a committee to review NSDCI;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the said committee has submitted its report and if so, the outcome thereof?

#### **Driving Test on Simulator**

†2580. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT:  
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made a new rule of driving test on simulator for defensive driving before issuance of driving license in view of the rising incidents of road rage in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of States where said scheme has been introduced in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether it is mandatory for the driving license holders to appear for this test;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Incomplete PMGSY Projects in Jharkhand**

†2581. SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been lying incomplete for a number of years in the State of Jharkhand particularly in the Ranchi district;

(b) if so, the details of such incomplete roads, road-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to get these roads completed?

#### **Corruption in NTPC**

†2582. PROF. RAVINDRA  
VISHWANATH  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that cases of irregularities and corruption are taking place at a large scale in National Thermal Power Corporation Limited and the reasons behind it is collusion among high level officials and contractors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Handloom Weavers of Balaramapuram**

2583. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to ease the financial stress and the declining profits of Balaramapuram handloom weavers and spinners who are burdened by the competition from powerloom products and imports;

(b) whether handloom camps, specialised credit facilities and similar schemes have been put in place in Balaramapuram to support the struggling weavers and attract younger generations into the profession;

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

(d) the efforts made by the Government for the welfare of Balaramapuram weavers who are suffering from health-issues due to strenuous manual labour, including the efforts to ensure that they are made aware of enhanced health insurance schemes;

(e) whether special resources have been allocated to assist vulnerable groups such as widowed weavers, traditional spinners, and/or those forced to supplement their income; and

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

#### **Textile Projects in Anantapur District**

2584. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of textile projects implemented in Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the financial assistance provided to these projects and the workers engaged therein during the same period; and

(c) the steps being taken to strengthen all projects in this district in particular and in the entire Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Criteria for Declaration of Road as NH**

†2585. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH  
BHOLE:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS



सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for declaring any road as National Highway (NH);

(b) the State-wise details of State Highways decided to be converted into National Highways;

(c) whether any target has been set in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the quality of the roads declared as National Highway is in accordance with the norms laid down for National Highways;

(e) if not, the time by which the quality of these roads is likely to be upgraded;

(f) whether proposals for declaring a number of roads as NH are pending with the Government despite these roads conforming to the prescribed norms; and

(g) if so, the State-wise and project-wise details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken by the Government to expedite action in this regard?

#### ODF Villages in Telangana

2586. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 30.7% of the villages have been declared to be Open Defecation Free (ODF) in Telangana upto December 1, 2017;

(b) if so, the reasons for the slow progress of eliminating open defecation in Telangana; and

(c) the details of the funds sought by the Government of Telangana under the Swachh Bharat Mission and the funds released to that State during each of the last three years and the current year?

#### Bypass Road on NH-8

†2587. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct a Bypass road on the National Highway No. 8 passing from Udaipur;

(b) if so, the name of the company which has undertaken work of the said bypass;

(c) the present work progress report of the said bypass; and

(d) the funds allocated by the Government for the purpose along with the details thereof?

#### Projects to Improve the Condition of Roads in Punjab

2588. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned projects to improve the condition of roads and highways in Punjab which have been sanctioned and approved, especially in the city of Ludhiana;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise along with the number of such projects and the timeline for completion of such sanctioned projects;

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

(a) whether the Government has inter-linked various rivers in the country and if so, the details thereof, river-wise;

(b) the total area irrigated/ likely to be irrigated as a result of the same;

(c) the corrective action taken with regard to inter-linking of rivers in the country; and

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

#### Contamination of Groundwater

2591. SHRI SISIR KUMAR  
ADHIKARI:

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 almost 30 per cent of groundwater in populated areas of the country is contaminated and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made any recent survey on the issue and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has studied any area-wise extraction of water in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of proposal of the Government on over drawing of groundwater and precautions taken to prevent diseases from water contamination?

(c) whether the Government has identified such National Highways of Punjab which face traffic jams due to heavy trucks resulting in delays in shipment from Ludhiana to the ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Proposals from Telangana

2589. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Sports Authority of Telangana State (SATS)/ Government of Telangana for sanction of a synthetic track in Warangal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the Government of Telangana for release of funds for pending proposals of the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals received from the Government of Telangana and the number of such proposals that are pending for approval; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Union Government for early sanction of pending proposals including synthetic track in Warangal?

#### Inter-Linking of Rivers

†2590. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

**Shortage of Critical Minerals**

2592. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is likely to face acute shortage of critical minerals necessary for developing clean-energy application, infrastructure for its solar mission and for manufacturing high-technology products in the near future and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country is likely to become largely dependent on China in the coming years to source such materials for its manufacturing sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps/measures taken by the Government to reduce such dependence and to develop mines and unleash the untapped potential of the vast mineral resources?

**Maintenance of Roads under PMGSY**

2593. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages where metalled roads are yet to be constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of villages where such roads have been constructed, State/UT-wise;

(c) the quantum of funds provided to States under PMGSY during the last three years, Year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of policies to ensure post construction maintenance of roads made under PMGSY?

**Allocation of Funds under Khelo India Scheme**

†2594. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are allocated/ released to various States under the Khelo India Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated/ released to the Government of Rajasthan under the said scheme so far;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set-up a regional centre in Jalore and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan for implementation of the said schemes; and

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

**Supply of Electric Vehicles by EESL**

2595. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN

MAHATO:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH

SINGH:

SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Electric Vehicles (EVs) supplied by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to various Ministries/Government Departments, till date;

(b) the terms and conditions of supply of EVs to the said Ministries/ Government departments;

(c) the response of the various Ministries/Government Departments in this regard;

(d) whether the tender for 10,000 electric vehicles floated by EESL has been put on hold and its second tender for EVs has been scrapped recently and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same; and

(e) the steps taken to meet the global standard/latest technology for purchase of EVs in the country?

**Revival of Closed Spinning Mills**

†2596. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representation/letters requesting revival of closed spinning mill located in Banda district in U.P.;

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

(c) the details of action taken so far in this regard in collaboration with the State Government?

**Export of Textile Products**

2597. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has the potential to become one stop sourcing destination for brands and retailers from ASEAN as opportunities exist for textile manufacturers from the 10 nation block to invest here and cater to the domestic market as well as exports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country has strengths in production and exports of almost all kinds of textiles and apparel including all handloom and handicraft products that demonstrate the unique skills of the country's weavers and artisans; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to explore the same?

**Non-Biodegradable Nature of Solar Cells**

2598. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the non-biodegradable nature of most solar cells and its impact on the environment and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to tackle the same;

(b) whether the Government is also aware of the various poisonous by-products produced during the manufacturing process of solar cells, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is working on a sustainable energy plan instead of just moving completely to renewable sources and if so, the details thereof?

**Renovation of Water Bodies**

2599. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:

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

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

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated any funds to desilt, repair and raise the bunds of water bodies in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has provided any other special component funds from both Union Government and foreign financial institutions for the said project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Extension of DDUGJY in Kerala**

2600. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

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

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Kerala to extend the project implementation period for Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in the State; and

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

**Construction of Barrages on Mahanadi River**

2601. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

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 and the number of barrages constructed over river Mahanadi by Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) whether such action has affected water flow to Odisha; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the remedies proposed in this regard?

**Haj Flights from Calicut Airport**

2602. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Haj flights were earlier operating from Calicut airport and that the same were suspended for some years in the recent past due to renovation of the said airport, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the renovation of the said airport has been completed and flights including Haj flight from that airport have still not been started; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which Haj flights would be operated from the airport?

**Rural Development Schemes in Madhya Pradesh**

†2603. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing rural development schemes in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the extant status of these schemes;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for the completion of these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Simplification of Auction Rules**

2604. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has significantly eased the auction rules in a bid to rekindle investor interest in a process that has been marked by failed auctions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that 33 blocks of mineral have been successfully auctioned since May, 2015 after introduction of Mineral Auction Rules and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that as many as 60 auctions have flopped for lack of interest and if so, the details thereof?

**Target for Cleaning of Ganga River**

†2605. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is expeditiously working on all the projects meant for cleaning of the Ganga river;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed the year 2019 as the target year for cleaning the said river; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Target for Production of Renewable Energy**

2606. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set a target to produce 175 GW of renewable energy including solar power, wind power and bio-energy by 2022 and to create more employment opportunities for 15 lakh people by that year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan initiated by the Government to attain the targets; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Status of Kiratpur-Nagchala National Highway**

†2607. SHRI RAM SWAROOP  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Kiratpur-Nagchala four lane National Highway in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the time by which this work is likely to be completed and the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people displaced due to construction of Kiratpur-Nagchala four lane and the number of those who have got compensation along with the number of people who are yet to get compensation in this regard?

#### Overbooking in Flights

2608. SHRIMATI K.  
MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed the airlines to pay for denying seats to those with confirmed tickets due to overbooking, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such cases were reported concerning Air India way back in 2015, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DGCA added that its 2010 rules does not put a cap on the compensation that can be demanded from the airlines in case of overbooking and a passenger has full right to approach a court for relief;

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

(e) whether the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has asked the Union Government and the DGCA to

formulate a rational policy to prevent harassment of passengers left out from overbooked flights; and

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

#### Rain Water Harvesting during Monsoon

†2609. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

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

(a) whether the ground water table is depleting in the country and several States are reeling under drought in the wake of uncertainty of rain and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any measures for run off rain water harvesting during monsoon;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to formulate a scheme for the construction of big and small dams to hold the rain water across all the parts of the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### New Schemes for Water Conservation

2610. SHRI BHAGWANTH  
KHUBA:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is planning any new schemes pertaining to

digging for water conservation particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number/names of districts covered thereunder?

#### Decline in Ground Water Level

†2611. 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 attention of the Government has been drawn towards the declining ground water level in most of the States of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to improve the ground water level?

#### Ground Water (Sustainable Management) Bill, 2017

2612. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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 current status of the Ground Water (Sustainable Management) Bill, 2017;

(b) whether the Government plans to take any action based on the report submitted by NITI Aayog which has

predicted that nearly half of India's population could end up with no drinking water by 2030 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Chennai could run out of ground water by 2020 and if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the plan of the Government to tackle the situation along with the further action plan to tackle the ground water crisis in two and three tier cities of the country?

#### Rejuvenation of Textile Value Chain

2613. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to announce a scheme to bail out the knitwear sector which is struggling under financial stress and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also launching projects to encourage traditional Indian handloom and handicraft and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is trying to rejuvenate the textile value chain which has lost out to China and other neighbouring countries as a result of lack of automation leading to lower productivity; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard so that exports could be enhanced?

#### Progress of PMGSY

2614. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is progressing well;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of roads commissioned under the said scheme since 2014, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has set any targets for speedy completion of roads under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the length of road in kilometres allotted in the recent allocation, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the Government is facing any difficulties in implementing PMGSY and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

#### **Allocation of Funds for Development Schemes**

2615. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
MONDAL:

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 basis for allocation of funds under major developmental schemes pertaining to water resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation sector under his Ministry;

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

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Promotion of Sports in Tribal Areas**

2616. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal people of Gujarat have participated in various sports competitions within and outside the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for their upliftment and to provide them with better training resources in various sports?

#### **Flood and Erosion in Assam**

2617. 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 State Government of Assam including other State level organisations have requested the Union Government to declare "Flood and Erosion" in Assam as "National Disaster" at the earliest and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether the Union Government has chalked out any action plan so that the river Brahmaputra could be completely protected from soil erosion;

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

(d) the details of alternative measures being considered by the Union Government in this regard?

#### **Achievements in Sports at International Level**

2618. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of remarkable achievements of our country in various sports including track events at international level during each of the last three years and the current year, medal-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that our sportspersons in various sports events including track events are not given adequate support and encouragement to participate at international level;

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

(d) whether the Government allocates adequate funds to promote sports and games in the country; and

(e) if so, the details of funds allocated and utilised on various sports and games during the said period?

#### **New Road Projects in Tamil Nadu**

2619. SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:  
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 proposes to take up new Road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Kanyakumari along the East Coast of the State;

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

(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?

#### **BRGF in Andhra Pradesh**

2620. SHRI MAGANTTI  
VENKATESWARA RAO  
(BABU):  
SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether special financial assistance which was provided under Backward Region Grants Fund (BRGF) to Andhra Pradesh has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this is likely to create problems to the State in its developmental work efforts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Loss of Potable Water**

2621. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the total loss of potable water due to wastage in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new initiatives have been taken by the Government to encourage water conservation in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**MGNREGS in Drought Affected Areas**

†2622. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make special provisions under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for all the drought affected areas of the country including Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the discrepancies and delay in the payments of wages under MGNREGS; and

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

**Sports Training to Students**

2623. SHRI K.R.P.  
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students get training of international standards at school/college level for various sports activities in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of annual allocation of funds for the purpose?

**Power Generation Capacity from Renewable Energy Sources**

2624. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country should strive for 50 per cent of its power generation capacity from renewable sources by 2030 on the back of technological advancement in solar and wind energy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is the first major country which is fast transitioning into a new era of carbon-free energy for its citizens and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the country is set to exceed the target of 175 GW in renewable energy and likely to touch 200 GW by 2022 and if so, the details thereof?

**Damanganga-Pinjal River Link**

†2625. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

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

(a) the progress achieved in inter-linking of Damanganga and Pinjal rivers so far;

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

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of other works to be undertaken after the completion of DPR so as to complete the process of inter-linking of these rivers and to benefit the general public?

**Monitoring of Power Projects**

†2626. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism put in place by the Government for monitoring power projects in the country;

(b) whether the Government emphasizes on accountability in the functioning of power projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Projects in Haryana**

2627. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of all projects in Haryana since FY 2002-03 till the ongoing financial year sanctioned under different phases of NHDP along with their current work status;

(b) the details of cost of the project, status of land acquisition, whether Engineering, Procurement and construction/ Build, Operate Transfer pattern, date of approval by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) along with the details of the project and the reasons for delay in case of delay in completion of work; and

(c) the details of new projects sanctioned/proposed to be sanctioned in Haryana since November 2014 till date, project-wise?

**Electricity to Farmers through Renewable Energy Sources**

2628. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide electricity to the farmers through renewable energy sources by formulating subsidy-based renewable energy policy in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide financial assistance for carrying out new research and development in the renewable energy sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any proposal has been received by the Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

### Strengthening of PRIs

2629. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) have achieved their objectives on completion of 25 years of their inception, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has launched a new scheme-Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken a Mission Antyodaya to bring one crore households out of poverty to make 50,000 Gram Panchayats poverty free, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is urgent need for implementation of e-governance in panchayats to make them transparent, accountable and effective institutions of self-governance; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government for strengthening PRIs?

### Tirupati and Vijayawada Airports

2630. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tirupati and Vijayawada have been declared as international airports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons that, not even a single international flight is being operated from the above said airports; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to Commence international flights from the above airports?

### Illegal Mining of Minerals

2631. SHRI KANWAR SINGH  
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of illegal mining of minerals especially sand in various States of the country during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken/is taking any steps to stop such illegal mining and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has constituted any high powered committee to check the illegal mining and if so, the details thereof?

### Norms for Empanelment and Allocation of Media Related Works

2632. SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION  
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) has specifically laid down norms of empanelment and allocation of media related works for the promotion of Government welfare programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of requests have been received from the advertising agencies during 2015-16 for registration and allocation of work;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of advertising agencies placed on panel, criteria adopted for allocating work to them during each of the last two years and the reasons for ignoring the other such agencies; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to bring more transparency in the system to encourage new entrepreneurs in the field of advertising?

### Autonomy for Port Boards

2633. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant more autonomy to Port Boards in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all Public Private Partnership (PPP) stakeholders in future will be free to fix tariff based on market conditions and simply notify to the port authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the port authorities will be able to make assessments for lease of land for both port and non-port related use and prepare their own master plan and if so, the details thereof?

### Plastic Wastes in Ganga River

†2634. 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 name of the Ganga river has been included in the list of those rivers which are carriers of plastic waste;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any steps to exclude this river from the list; and

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

### Atal Bhujal Yojana

2635. SHRI ANURAG SINGH  
THAKUR:

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 current status of the Atal Bhujal Yojana in regard to its approval the World Bank;

(b) the plan of allocation of funds for the implementation of the Yojana; and

(c) whether there are any provisions for Himachal Pradesh also thereunder and if so, the details thereof?

#### Water Quality Testing Laboratories

†2636. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish one Water Quality Testing Laboratory (WQTL) in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from some States to establish WQTL in every district during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Construction of Dams under PMKSY

2637. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO  
RAUT:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
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 irrigation coverage of certain States especially Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh is much lower than the national average of about 45% despite having a large number of dams and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of dams being constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in these State along with the cost thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware and has received complaints on the poor quality of construction of some of these dams including Nardave dam, Sindhudurg and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry or is considering an inquiry in the quality of construction of these dams and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which the Government is likely to monitor the construction quality of these dams?

#### Benefits of PMAY to Gram Panchayats

†2638. SHRI BODHSINGH  
BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of such panchayats of States including Gram Panchayat Tirodi under Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh where the people of entire village could not get the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) due to laxity / carelessness of officers and not uploading the data related to the Socio-Economic and Caste Census completed in 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to provide the benefits of the said scheme to the deprived Gram Panchayats and to take action against the concerned guilty officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Solid Waste Management

2639. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

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

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

(a) whether any meeting has been held recently to discuss the progress of Solid Waste Management (SWM) projects and also for development of ghats and

crematoria in five States along the Ganga river;

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

(c) the names of the towns identified for SWM projects along this river through Sewage Treatment Plants, State-wise;

(d) whether the Ganga basin States have been instructed to achieve 100% Solid Waste Management by December, 2018;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for trapping of solid waste entering into the river through drains, disposal of the collected waste from ghats and river banks?

#### Rain Water Harvesting in Government Buildings

2640. DR. KAMBHAMPATI  
HARIBABU:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has taken serious view on the depleting ground water in the country and if so, the measures being taken to improve the same;

(b) whether the Government has mandated for creating rainwater harvesting infrastructure in institutional and residential areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details/ number of Government buildings which have created infrastructure facilities for rain water harvesting in the country during the last three years, State/ UT-wise?



### Impact of Changing Course of Rivers

2641. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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 takes up issues pertaining to inter-State river water sharing and changing course of rivers in the inter-State council meeting;

(b) if so, the salient features and the guidelines for taking up issues pertaining to desilting and changing course of rivers along with their impact in the said meetings;

(c) whether the Government is aware that changing course of rivers Ganga and Sarayu on the border of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh has affected more than 25 villages in Saran district of Bihar and Balliya district of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is taking any action and holding consultations with the respective States for coordination and to ensure that the villages are not inundated by floods due to changing course of these rivers and if so, the details thereof?

### Energy Conservation in Heavy Industries

†2642. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

(a) the measures taken by the heavy Industries for energy conservation in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines after prescribing various standards for energy conservation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up any monitoring mechanism to closely oversee the efficiency of energy utilisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Per-capita Availability of Water

2643. DR SANJAY JAISWAL: 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) the existing per-capita availability of water in the country;

(b) whether the per-capita availability of water is reducing in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in each district of the country in this regard and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

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

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

### Construction of Panchayat Bhawans

2644. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE: SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB: SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided to the States/UTs for construction and repair of Panchayat Ghars/Bhawans under the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Sashaktikaran Abhiyan in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether some of the States have reported under-utilisation of the said funds in the country;

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

(d) whether cases of irregularities in implementation of the said scheme have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for optimum utilisation of funds under the said scheme across the country?

### Under Construction Highways in NE

2645. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA: SHRI BAITE THANGSO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any special plan for interstate road and highway connectivity for the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise along with the amount sanctioned/ released therefor including the names and length of National Highways under construction in the North Eastern States;

(c) the status of the National Highway from Nongstoin-Mawait to Ranikor in West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya and the funds sanctioned and released, if any;

(d) the number of Review Meetings conducted by the Cabinet Minister for the Highways in the North Eastern States along with dates and place of the said review meetings; and

(e) whether the progress of the work on National Highways in North East is satisfactory and if not, the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to redress and expedite the work progress?

### Sports Authority of India

2646. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sports centres under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) functioning in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up SAI training centres/sports centres

at various parts of the country including at Rajahmundry or Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(d) whether there is any scheme aimed at grooming female sportspersons; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **International Flights to UAE from Madhya Pradesh**

†2647. SHRI MANOHAR  
UTAWAL:

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

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh Government to start an international flight of Air India from Madhya Pradesh to UAE and a daily flight service from Sharjah to Indore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government on the said proposal?

#### **Awareness Drive regarding Road Safety**

†2648. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes/ has proposed to run an awareness drive regarding road safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the said awareness drive is different from the present awareness drive; and

(d) the shortcomings in the present awareness drive and the extent to which the new awareness drive has removed these shortcomings?

#### **Construction under DBFOT Model**

†2649. KUNWAR SARVESH  
KUMAR:

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

(a) the number of highways identified in Uttar Pradesh for construction under the DBFOT model;

(b) the details regarding the projects completed successfully in the State under DBFOT model so far; and

(c) the details regarding such projects commissioned with the foreign collaboration?

#### **Compensation for Brownfield Projects**

2650. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India is working on a policy to compensate Brownfield projects that have either reached traffic maturity or are likely to be impacted by the Rs.5 trillion

roads project to ensure smooth implementation of the ambitious Bharatmala project;

(b) whether under the proposed 'policy for capacity augmentation under Public Private Partnership (PPP)' project concessionaire is given option of selling the assets back to NHAI, undertaking revamp of the Brownfield projects or terminating the toll contract; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the total projects awarded thereunder?

#### **Providing of Electricity to Households under AJAY**

†2651. SHRIMATI NEELAM  
SONKER:

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

(a) whether electricity has been provided to each household in all the States of the country including Uttar Pradesh under Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY);

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether work related to electrification scheme is likely to be completed in each district of Uttar Pradesh by 2018; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Airports under UDAN Scheme**

†2652. SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:  
SHRI SANJAY KAKA  
PATIL:

SHRI CHARANJEET  
SINGH RORI:  
SHRI HARISH MEENA:  
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports of the country connected under UDAN scheme till date along with the number of airports yet to be connected, State/UT-wise;

(b) the section of people likely to be benefited under the said scheme in the country including Karnataka;

(c) whether air fares have been fixed for the passengers under the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to frame any rules and regulations to start regular operations on the air routes being introduced under the UDAN scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to invite proposals from the States for this purpose, if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to extend the purview of the UDAN scheme for international destinations also and permit foreign flight operators under this scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(g) the steps taken by the Government for connecting smaller cities and North Eastern Region of the country under UDAN scheme and the funds allocated and utilised since the implementation of said scheme; and

(h) whether the Government has set any target to achieve under UDAN

scheme, if so, the details thereof and connectivity provided to un-served and under-served airports of the country?

#### **District Mineral Foundation**

†2653. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which District Mineral Foundation (DMF) was set up;

(b) the names of districts in the country where DMF has been set up so far;

(c) whether the Member of Parliament of the areas/districts in which DMF has been set up are included in DMF; and

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

#### **Wind Energy Generation**

2654. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of wind energy generation in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to exploit the potential of generating power from wind in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the present incentives admissible to entrepreneurs are adequate to attract them into the field;

(e) if not, whether the Government proposes to provide any fresh incentives to the industrial sector to increase wind energy generation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Construction of New Roads**

2655. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed to construct new roads in the country by the end of 2018, State-wise;

(b) the details of roads constructed per day;

(c) whether the target is likely to be achieved within the stipulated period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Cleaning of Ganga River**

2656. SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:

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 does not have any data regarding the length of Ganga river in kilometers which has been cleaned and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government has no proper plan to clean the Ganga river and if so, the facts thereof;

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce a new initiative called 'Integrated Bio-Energy Mission' and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objective and salient features of the said programme; and

(c) the details of sub-components, if any, of the said programme?

#### **Privatization of Air India**

2659. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI

SRINIVASA

RAO (AVANTHI):

SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

SHRI G. HARI:

ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV

SAWAIKAR:

SHRI A.

ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is examining the option of offering 100 per cent stake in the national carrier, Air India to a private entity in spite of earlier 76 per cent offer and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the interest of the employees would be protected in the backdrop of the sale of the national carrier and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the plan of action of the Government after the failure of the efforts of FDI in Air India;

(d) whether the Government is considering to exit the airline altogether, instead of holding 24 per cent, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated/spent during each year of the period 2014 to 2016 for cleaning the said river, State-wise; and

(d) the action the Government has been taking to clean the river?

#### **Monitoring of Rural Development Schemes**

2657. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

SHRI MD.

BADARUDDOZA

KHAN:

SHRI HARIOM SINGH

RATHORE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any mechanism for monitoring various rural development schemes to ensure that these schemes are being properly implemented in rural areas of the country including the proper utilization of funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the methodology of this monitoring and cases of lapses noticed during the last two years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the quantum of funds sanctioned and utilised under various rural development schemes during the last three financial years, State/UT-wise?

#### **Integrated Bio-Energy Mission**

2658. SHRI KONDA

VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

(e) whether there would not be over 160 queries after the Preliminary Information Memorandum if there were no buyers for the airline and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether a foreign player has expressed interest in acquiring 49% stake in Air India and if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether this company has given an unsolicited expression of interest for Air India's airline arm if so, the details thereof; and

(h) whether it is likely that the foreign players is an airline as Government had earlier allowed foreign airlines to invest upto 49% in Air India and if so, the details thereof?

#### Women Beneficiaries under MGNREGS

†2660. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of women workers engaged under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(b) whether any change in the working hours of the women beneficiaries is proposed under the scheme with a view to facilitate them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### SAUBHAGYA

2661. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:  
SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has launched a scheme called "Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana"(SAUBHAGYA) to provide electricity to all households which are without power connection;

(b) if so, the number of families in rural, tribal and hilly areas across the country got power connection as on 30 June, 2018; and

(c) whether the targets for providing electricity in rural, tribal and in hilly areas in various States across the country have been achieved during the last three years and if so, the details of the extent to which the achievements have been made?

#### Setting up of Airports in Madhya Pradesh

†2662. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:  
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports established by Airports Authority of India in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade them to international standards;

(c) if so, the number and names of the airports proposed to be upgraded out of the above along with the action taken in this regard;

(d) the names of the airports from where international flights are likely to be started after the expansion of airports; and

(e) the time by which these are scheduled to be started?

#### Default Setting in AC

2663. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has advised AC manufacturers to set default setting in air conditioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for such an initiative and the advantages thereof?

#### Review of Implementation of SAGY in Bihar

†2664. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the projects being implemented/pending under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) across the country particularly in Bihar during the last three years and the current year have been reviewed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether funds have been provided by NGOs, foreign institutions, Public

Enterprises, private companies and others under the said yojana and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any effective steps have been taken to ensure successful implementation of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

#### Growth in Aviation Sector

2665. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:  
SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI B.V. NAIK:  
SHRI OM BIRLA:  
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the fastest growing aviation market in the world and air traffic and domestic air passengers have increased significantly during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of new domestic and international sectors identified for promotion of air services during the next three years;

(c) whether the Government acknowledges that current airport infrastructure and facilities are needed to be upgraded as per future projected growth in civil aviation sector, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to tackle such problems;

(d) whether some of the selected domestic airports had refused the domestic air carriers under UDAN scheme to operate at airports and hence such air carriers opted

out of UDAN and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to expand scope of UDAN scheme to other smaller airports in the country from Rajasthan (especially Kota) in order to encourage domestic connectivity of the region with rest of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any study has been conducted to assess the reasons for sluggish air traffic flow in other domestic sectors and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### SAGY

2666. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Members of Parliament across both the Houses of Parliament who have identified the Gram Panchayats under Phase II and III of the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY) respectively;

(b) the details of Union Ministers who have identified the Gram Panchayats under Phase II and III of the SAGY scheme respectively; and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to ensure that the Members of Parliament identify the Gram Panchayats within the proposed deadline?

#### Setting up of Solar Power Projects

2667. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Solar Power Projects set up for commercial operation across the country along with their capacity in Mega Watt at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has recently inaugurated some new solar power projects for commercial operation within the country;

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

(d) whether the Government is planning/proposing to set up some more solar power projects for commercial operation in future across the country including Maharashtra; and

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

#### Progress of Setting up of Solar Parks

2668. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of setting up of Solar Parks in the districts of Jhalawar and Baran in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to provide the districts of Jhalawar and Baran with Grid Connected Solar Rooftops under Phase-II of the National Solar Mission (NSM); and

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

#### Soil Erosion

†2669. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

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

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the constant soil erosion from various rivers in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check soil erosion from these rivers;

(c) whether financial assistance has been provided to check this type of soil erosion during the above said period; and

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

#### Highway Patrol System Across the Country

2670. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up a Highway Patrol System across the country;

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

(c) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned therefor;

(d) the details of the target set in this regard;

(e) whether the Government is in talks with the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Hydro Projects in the Country

2671. SHRI R.P.

MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Hydro Projects in operation in the country, State and Sector-wise;

(b) the capacity addition of hydro power during the last four years, State and Sector-wise; and

(c) the capacity addition of hydro power, plan, State and Sector-wise?

#### NHs Projects Especially in Rajasthan

†2672. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of the ongoing/pending National Highway(NH) projects during last two years across the country including Rajasthan;

(b) the funds allocated to all of these projects till date and the expenditure that remains to be utilised out of this fund;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for the declaration of National Highways in the State; and

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

**Completion of Projects**

2673. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTALA:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:  
SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:  
DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:  
SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:  
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any new target to complete the construction of 300 National Highways in the country by 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and National Highway-wise including Jharkhand and Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government has any list of National Highways which are running behind the scheduled time limit due to different reasons;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and national highway-wise;

(e) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to complete these highways as early as possible;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Conservation of Water**

2674. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

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 people's movement for water conservation has been intensified in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has launched a video contest titled 'Jal Bachao, Video Banao, Puruskar Pao' recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has set up National Water Mission (NWM) for conservation of water and minimizing its wastage and if so, the details thereof and the success achieved in this regard so far; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for conservation of water and minimizing its wastage in the country?

**Impact of Food Advertisements on Children**

2675. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of food advertisements being telecast by television channels on unhealthy food preferences and eating behaviour among children; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to check the telecast of such advertisements on TV channels?

**Power Plants in Private Sectors**

2676. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power plants being operated/under construction in the private sector at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government exercises any control over the said private power companies in terms of providing benefits/facilities to their staff/workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Loan Agreement Signed with Asian Development Bank**

†2677. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has signed a number of loan agreements with the Asian

Development Bank for improvement in connectivity, transport efficiency and safety on State Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of State Highways to be benefited from it and the total distance of the roads which are proposed to be improved;

(d) whether similar agreements are proposed to be signed with international financial institutions for improvement in other State Highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Cabotage for Cruise Vessels**

2678. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to waive off cabotage for foreign registered cruise vessels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal to Connect Remote and Undeveloped Areas**

2679. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to connect remote & undeveloped

areas by National/State Highways to ensure speedy growth of the sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is any such proposal for undeveloped areas in the periphery of Rajasthan and Maharashtra State?

#### **Rural Development in Tribal Areas in Maharashtra**

†2680. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various rural development schemes being implemented in various tribal areas of Maharashtra;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated for the said purpose, scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give ownership rights to the tribal people living in forest land in rural areas of the State and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to construct roads and other infrastructure facilities in the above mentioned areas; and

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

#### **Toll Plazas Located at National Highways**

†2681. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of toll plazas existing at the National Highways in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the number of toll plazas which are still levying toll tax despite recovery of the cost of construction;

(c) whether the Government has decided to discontinue such toll plazas which have recovered their cost of construction; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Pandua Banghla Canal**

†2682. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA:

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 construction of the third stage of Pandua Banghla canal in Shankargarh region of Allahabad is necessary for irrigation and other works and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to extend irrigation facilities and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Participation in Asian Games-2018**

2683. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:  
SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Football and Hockey teams are scheduled to participate in the forthcoming Asian Games-2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### **Bidding for Small Scale Government Solar Power Projects**

2684. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow small and micro solar power companies to bid for small scale Government solar power projects across the country, especially in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Delhi/National Capital Region;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Upgradation of Airports**

†2685. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:  
DR. KARAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prescribed any norms for expansion and upgradation of international airports of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to expand and upgrade the airport at Jaipur;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be spent thereon and the time limit set for the completion of these projects;

(d) whether the Airports Authority of India has decided to revise the bid conditions for Ahmedabad and Jaipur airports to include airside operations and cargo business in its partial privatization model and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the modernization process of these airports started in 2016 but failed to generate interest among large players, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether a fresh tender would be floated soon with these two new conditions as part of privatizing operations and management of terminal building and parking side area at Ahmedabad and Jaipur airports and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Subsidy for Electricity**

2686. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instructed the State Governments to give subsidy for the electricity to domestic users through bank accounts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of domestic users who will be benefited by this direction of the Government, especially in Kerala?

#### **Water Bank for Ground Water Table Restoration**

†2687. SHRI JAI PRAKASH  
NARAYAN YADAV:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme to set up water banks or water collection centres with a view to restore depleting water level in all States/UTs across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received in this regard from each State/UT along with the action taken thereon; and

(c) the funds released for the said scheme till date, State-wise?

#### **Expansion of Airstrips**

†2688. DR. BHARATIBEN D.  
SHYAL:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals for the development and extension of airstrips in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the said proposals;

(c) whether any deadline has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Restructuring of Indian Bureau of Mines**

†2689. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a plan for restructuring of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to provide direct employment thereunder and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether measures are also being taken for expansion of IBM besides its restructuring and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the Government is likely to check illegal mining through restructuring of IBM?

#### **Housing for All Scheme**

2690. SHRI RAYAPATI  
SAMBASIVA RAO:  
SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Housing for All scheme, the base line data has been frozen from 2011 by the Ministry of Rural Development which is not an accurate reflection of the actual figures on ground, whereas Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has conducted a new recent survey which arrived at accurate estimates for urban housing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the possible reasons for discrepancy between approaches adopted by the different Ministries for implementation of the same scheme;

(d) the reasons for his Ministry to rely on the data which can be easily proved incorrect by State led survey's and Census 2011 figures; and

(e) whether the figures for housing stock have not been revived by his Ministry even though Andhra Pradesh has submitted its own data and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Flights from Kishangarh Airport**

†2691. DR. RAGHU SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date by which regular flights are likely to commence from Kishangarh airport in Ajmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons attributed for not starting the regular flights so far; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far in the construction of the Kishangarh airport and monthly expenditure being incurred on maintenance thereof?

#### **Privatisation of Sports Stadia**

2692. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes privatisation of various stadia under Sports Authority of India (SAI) in the country in order to improve the quality of management and facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the quality of management and facilities of these stadia?

#### **Cost of Generation of Solar Power**

†2693. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of generating per kilowatt of solar power for consumers;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the consumers and public organizations like schools and colleges in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?



### Helicopter Services in North-Eastern Region

2694. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:  
SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

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

(a) whether a number of new helicopter services have been started in the North Eastern Region particularly for the difficult areas in the last four years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government gives some subsidy to promote such services in order to make the services affordable for the common people in difficult terrains and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the places in the country where helicopter service has been provided under the UDAN scheme along with the names of service provider companies;

(d) the names of the airports in the North Eastern States covered under the UDAN scheme; and

(e) the provisions being made to ensure that the benefit of these airports reaches maximum number of people?

### Proposals on Inter-linking of Rivers Project

2695. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from various Members of Parliament in regard to inter-linking of rivers project in the country so far; and

(b) the action taken/ to be taken by the Government on each such proposal?

### Projects Identified for Fast Track Completion

2696. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified a certain number of projects for fast track completion by 2019;

(b) if so, whether any such projects are included from Kerala indicating the specific criteria to determine the feasibility for inclusion in the fast track scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Conversion of State Highway-29 into National Highway

†2697. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Highway-29 in the State of Uttar Pradesh has been converted into National Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the international Buddhist Pilgrimage Site Sankisa is

proposed to be included in Buddhist Circuit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### NRI Fund for Ganga and Yamuna Rivers

†2698. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

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 Non-Resident Indian (NRI) fund has been constituted for the rejuvenation of Ganga river and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the NRIs have been contributing into this fund as per expectations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to constitute any fund for Yamuna river also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Achievements under RGPSA

†2699. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reasons for huge gap between sanctioned and released funds under Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), State-wise including Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of performance of works under RGPSA during the period, State-wise and year-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) the details of targets fixed and achieved during the said period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the extent to which the said scheme is likely to be helpful to increase capacity building?

### Increase in Budget for Maintenance of Air India Flights

2700. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to increase the annual budget for maintenance of Air India Boeing flight used for VVIPs i.e. President, Vice-President and Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons to increase the annual budget for above purpose;

(d) the total number of aircrafts being utilised for the use of VVIPs at present;

(e) whether the Union Government would take necessary steps to improve the function/operations of the loss making Air India; and

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

### Safety Norms for Construction of NHs

2701. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the safety norms taken into consideration for the planning, designing and construction of National Highways along with the penalty fixed for their non-compliance;

(b) whether in the Road Safety Bill it is proposed to reduce the penalty for faulty road design leading to accidents; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor including the average annual rate of accidental deaths due to faulty road design?

#### **SVEP**

2702. SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives of the proposed SVEP programme;

(d) whether the Government has set any guidelines and timeframe for the implementation of the said programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantum of funds allocated for the said purpose by the Union Government, State/UT-wise?

#### **Newspapers Listed by DAVP**

†2703. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA  
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers listed by Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the DAVP has made any amendment in the guidelines to list/renew newspapers for advertisement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the listing/renewal of newspapers has gone down sharply during the current year; and

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

#### **Water Storage Capacity**

†2704. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:  
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

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

(a) the estimated quantity of water demand for its consumption in the country;

(b) whether there is a need for storing water to meet its requirement and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the total water storage capacity generated in the country upto March,2018;

(c) whether the existing storage capacity is sufficient to meet the water consumption demand in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any targets to increase the water storage

capacity in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the schemes formulated by the Government to achieve the said target?

#### **UMPP Projects in Odisha**

2705. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:  
SHRI BALABHADRA  
MAJHI:  
SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA  
RAJESHWARI SINGH:  
SHRI LADU KISHORE  
SWAIN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that till date about Rs. 350 crore has been contributed by the State of Odisha for the UMPP project at Bedabahal and the State Government has submitted its views/feedback on the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) if so, the details thereof and the progress made therein;

(b) the time by which his Ministry will finalize the bidding documents and initiate the bidding process of Bedabahal UMPP project without any further delay; and

(c) whether the delay in this regard would create difficulties for taking over physical possession of the land and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

#### **National Highway Projects Pending due to Forest Clearance**

2706. PROF. A.S.R. NAIK:  
SHRI NAGENDRA  
KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Highway (NH) projects which are sanctioned/under construction and are facing problems of forest clearance thereby leading to non-completion and cost escalation of the projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof including NH-53 (Sambalpur-Tileibani No. 1 project);

(c) the steps taken by the Government to address the problem;

(d) whether there is any coordination mechanism between the Ministries to sort out this issue prior to sanction of the projects to avoid delay; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **SAATHI Initiative**

2707. SHRIMATI MAUSAM  
NOOR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and objectives of the Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries initiative (SAATHI);

(b) whether the scheme is purported to be helping to ease the financial costs incurred by the small and medium powerlooms and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified any existing textile clusters to commence implementation of the project and if so, the details of clusters selected thereof;

(d) whether the scheme is likely to result in energy and cost savings for the entrepreneurs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Conversion of State Highway into National Highway

†2708. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/propose to take any steps to convert and develop Nagpur-Nagbhid-Brahmpuri-Gadchiroli State Highway into National Highway No. 7, Gadchiroli-Chamorshi-Allapalli-Sironcha highway into National Highway No. 16, Gondia-Goregaon-Kohmara highway into National Highway No. 6 and Gadchiroli-Mool-Chandrapur highway into National Highway in the Gadchiroli- Chimur tribal Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken or proposed to take any steps for the development of National Highways in the naxal affected areas particularly in Gadchiroli-Chimur Parliamentary Constituency and to overcome the problems being faced in connectivity between Gadchiroli to Nagpur, Jabalpur, Rajnandgaon, Hyderabad and Chanderpuri; and

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

### Handloom Sector in Assam

2709. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam is traditionally rich in handloom sector;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken to boost handloom sector in the State in general and amongst different tribes which are rich in this sector in particular; and

(c) whether the Government has any new proposal to boost this sector in the State and if so, the details thereof?

### DISCOM Losses

2710. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI  
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any permissible limit for factoring in DISCOM losses in the tariff policy;

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to remove human interface in billing, metering and collections?

### Promotion of Sports

2711. SHRI CHARANJEET  
SINGH RORI:  
SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of sports instructors, coaches and stadia for various sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish district-wise sports stadium with adequate number of coaches to develop and promote various sports activities in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate number of coaches to improve the level of sports in the country?

### Proposals Received under PMAY-G from Odisha

2712. SHRI BALABHADRA  
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the Government of Odisha under the erstwhile Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) or existing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) during the years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018; and

(b) the details of the proposals which have been sanctioned under the said scheme during the said period?

### Mechanism for Redressal of Grievances of SC/ST Employees

2713. SHRI RATTAN LAL  
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any complaints from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes employees regarding harassment on the basis of caste;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of mechanism adopted for redressal of grievances/complaints/representations of SC/ST Employees;

(d) the number of complaints received and disposed off during the last four years; and

(e) the details of the steps taken/being taken in the Ministry for their disposal and also time taken to dispose off these cases and to safeguard the interest of SC/ST employees?

### Upgradation of Infrastructure

2714. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sought the cooperation of some of the foreign countries to upgrade infrastructure in surface transport sector;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the countries interested to extend innovative technologies for improving highway development, road engineering, road safety and development of green fuels in the automobile sector;

(c) the details of MoUs signed between India and foreign countries/firms on the upgradation of infrastructure in transport sector; and

(d) the time by which the work of upgrading infrastructure in transport sector as targeted is likely to be completed?

#### Increased Number of Housing Units to SCs and STs

2715. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government emphasises on delivering increased number of upcoming units of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Gramin (PMAY-G) to the families belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide reservation of houses for the said communities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Surcharges on Water

†2716. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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 contingency measures taken by the Government for the optimum utilisation of available water for primary sectors like agriculture, rural, urban water supply and industry owing to concerns over low monsoon in the country;

(b) whether the Government is likely to charge more from the bottled water

beverage manufacturing companies for the use of ground water to subsidize water supply for the rural and urban poor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase water surcharge for irrigation and urban water supply systems while endorsing heavy investment for conservation of water resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Criteria for Allocation of Fund from CRF

2717. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated from the Central Road Funds and the number of roads sanctioned and completed thereunder during the last four years, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the criteria adopted for allowing CRF to various States;

(c) whether any case related to Kerala is pending; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of roads?

#### Water Crisis

2718. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the drinking water crisis in several States

including Santhal Pargana Division of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the situation in those States, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for improving the supply of drinking water in water scarce districts?

#### Irregularities under MGNREGS

2719. SHRI HARISH MEENA:  
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total expenditure incurred on wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has taken measures to tackle deteriorating labour force under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of corruption cases/complaints or irregularities received and disposed of during the last four years along with the steps taken by the Government to tackle corruption under MGNREGS; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to establish any monitoring mechanism for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

#### Benefits of Saubhagya Scheme

2720. SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Saubhagya scheme proposes to ensure smooth transfer of electricity bill payment system from postpaid to prepaid and the extent to which the prepaid bills are likely to benefit consumers;

(b) whether this scheme tackles the problem of loadshedding and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the financial losses incurred by power distribution companies affect the implementation of this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

#### Complaints by Air Passengers

2721. SHRI OM BIRLA:  
DR. KARAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI K.R.P.  
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that complaints regarding flights, baggage and customer services have been registered by the passengers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details as to the number of consumer complaints received by the Government with regard to domestic air travel operators along with the prominent reasons of such complaints received during the last three years;

(c) whether any penalty/punishment was imposed by the Government on any

domestic airline operator on the grounds of faulty customer/passenger services and other allied problems during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government acknowledges that the cancellation and refund rules associated with the domestic air travel is more airline operator friendly than consumer friendly in the country, if so, the reasons therefor along with any proposal of the Government to establish a balance between the rights of the two groups; and

(e) whether the Ministry is aware that all flight passengers are facing daily issues about the flight tickets rates, delay in service, poor customer service and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government so far in this regard?

#### **Sale of Air India Building**

2722. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:  
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has initiated the sale of Air India building headquarters located at Nariman Point in Mumbai to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has appointed an evaluator to ascertain the value of the building and undertake the takeover process and if so, the details thereof including financial evaluation process of the takeover;

(c) whether the provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 are being applied for the takeover and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to dispose off collection of around 4000 paintings and artworks present in the building, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether these paintings are to be donated to the National Gallery of Modern Art and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of PMGSY in Punjab and Jharkhand**

†2723. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:  
SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:  
SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of the roads in kilometers constructed in the States of Jharkhand and Punjab under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the past four years and the current year;

(b) the quantum of funds released to the Governments of these States for construction of roads under the said scheme, State-wise;

(c) the number of proposals received from the Governments of Jharkhand and Punjab which are lying pending with the Union Government under PMGSY, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved along with the reasons for delay in this regard, State-wise?

#### **Mandatory Plantation Drive Across NHs**

2724. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for mandatory plantation drive along all the National Highways in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of mechanism set up to monitor the above proposal, if any?

#### **Live Telecast of Cricket**

2725. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the live telecast of cricket has not been broadcast on the Doordarshan Channel along with the reasons for the same;

(b) whether the Government proposed/proposes to acquire broadcast rights from the concerned rights holders for live telecast of test series between India vs England and Cricket World Cup, 2019;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds required for telecast of said matches and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate new roadmap for improving the functioning of Doordarshan channels so that they compete with private channels in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard including financial and administrative autonomy?

#### **Watershed Management Programme**

2726. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the district covered in the country especially in the States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;

(b) the challenges faced by the Government to overcome the difficulties in the implementation of the scheme;

(c) the names of the projects/schemes implemented under IWMP during the last three years;

(d) the funds allocated for each of these projects/schemes during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the progress made so far under these projects/schemes, State/UT-wise?

#### **Award to Medal Winners at International Events**

2727. SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

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

(a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme for giving special award to the medal winners in international sports events and their coaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of awards given during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is any scheme to support the sportspersons after their retirement from active sports;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to formulate a policy to honour athletes/sportspersons winning medals in international events?

#### **Contract Workers Employed by Air India**

2728. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

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

(a) the number of contract workers employed by Air India till date along with the expenditure involved therein annually;

(b) the minimum wage paid to these contract workers job-wise;

(c) the number of contract workers who have been terminated along with the reasons therefor during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to recruit permanent employees against these contract workers; and

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

#### **Benefits to Textile Industry**

2729. SHRI VINOD  
LAKHAMASHI  
CHAVDA:  
SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has given any benefits to the textile industry in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Security Arrangements at Airports**

2730. PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

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

(a) whether changes have been made in the security arrangements at Delhi and Mumbai airport in view of recent tightening of security rules by US aviation authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the changes made therein;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend these changes to cover flights to other destinations especially in Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Accidents/Near Miss Collisions of Aircraft**

2731. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:  
SHRI ADHIR RANJAN  
CHOWDHURY:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to divide Indian Air space into two parts with a view to check the rising incidents of collision/mid-air misses of aircraft in the country and in view of safety of air passengers;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last three years and the current year and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent/reduce the number of such air incidents;

(c) whether the Government is aware that recently, a number of flights have narrowly escaped accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any investigation has been done in such incidents by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent/minimise such incidents/accidents in future?

**Khelo India Scheme**

†2732. SHRI GANESH SINGH:  
SHRI MANOHAR  
UTAWAL:  
PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for grant of funds under Khelo India Scheme including for National Women's Championships;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the funds are likely to be sanctioned;

(c) whether the Sports Authority of India (SAI) proposes to revive/restart the services of NIS-trained coaches for sports training under various Central as well as State sponsored schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has any plan to identify sporting talent among tribal children in popular sports of the States in the age group of 9-14 years and nurture their talent by providing them intense training throughout the year to groom them for future sports championships and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up various sports academies for this purpose in the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Union Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the States for operation of various sports academies which are set up by the State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

**Grievance Redressal under MGNREGS**

2733. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH  
YADAV:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. RAM SHANKAR  
KATHERIA:  
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been fall in demand for work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) because of lower wage rate and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether delayed and rejected payments lead to less compensation to workers if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for ensuring timely payments and bringing down the percentage of rejected transactions;

(c) whether the technological interventions including National Electronic

Fund Management System (Ne-FMS) and Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS) are leading to further delay of payments and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government is considering a proposal of indexation of MGNREGS wages to consumer price in rural and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is inadequate Grievance Redressal System to address the MGNREGS worker problems and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for handling Grievances which is under implementation by the States since April, 2012 has failed to address the Grievances of the MGNREGS workers and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address the MGNREGS workers problems?

**Strengthening of Irrigation System**

†2734. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:

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

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated or is going to formulate any schemes for strengthening the irrigation system in the country including Jammu & Kashmir and Bihar;

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

(c) whether the Government is formulating any scheme for optimum utilisation of irrigation system in Jammu

& Kashmir as well as in rural and hilly regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Swachh Survekshan Grameen-2018**

†2735. SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen-2018 (SSG) recently and appointed an independent agency to conduct survey to evaluate Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and if so, the details thereof along with the objectives and salient features of SSG-2018;

(b) the number of villages proposed to be covered under SSG 2018, State-wise;

(c) the number of toilets built in rural areas of the country under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) since its launch in October 2014, State-wise;

(d) the number of States declared free from open defecation so far;

(e) whether the Union Government has fixed parameters for such evaluation under SSG and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the expenditure likely to be incurred on SSG - 2018?

#### DAY-NRLM

2736. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO  
RAUT:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) is one of the flagship programmes of the Union Government to alleviate rural poverty and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether DAY-NRLM seeks to mobilize about nine crore households into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and link them to sustainable livelihoods opportunities and if so, the achievements made in this regard so far;

(c) the steps taken for building skills and enabling them to access formal sources

of finance, entitlements and services from both public and private sectors;

(d) whether the Government has allocated funds to States/UTs under DAY-NRLM since its inception and if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon, year-wise;

(e) whether the scheme is being implemented in all the Districts across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether intensive and continuous capacity building of rural poor women will ensure their social, economic and political upliftment and if so, the steps taken for the upliftment of rural poor women; and

(g) the other concrete steps taken by the Union Government to alleviate rural poverty?

#### Strengthening of Mineral Auction Regime

2737. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has organized the 4th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals recently and is considering a proposal in coordination with States for strengthening the mineral auction

regime as well as help in expediting auctions and bring in greater participation from the stakeholders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has identified more mineral blocks for auction to increase domestic mineral production and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether many State Governments have showcased the mineral blocks which are to be auctioned in the financial year 2018-19 in the first technical session and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a need to adopt investor friendly approach for furthering the development of mineral sector in the country including Bundelkhand; and

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

#### Storage Capacity of Reservoirs

2738. DR. SHRIKANT  
EKNATH SHINDE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
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) the total number of reservoirs in the country along with those that generate hydropower of more than 60 MW and the total storage capacity of all the major reservoirs created in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) whether shortage of water in the country's 91 major reservoirs has been noticed during May to June, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this shortage of water is worst as compared with the average of corresponding period of last ten years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any study of rain/river water flowing into the sea/ocean and if so, the quantum of rain/river water that flows into the sea/ocean which can be efficiently channelised for drinking and irrigation purposes; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to divert the surplus water of Himalayan and peninsular rivers to increase the storage of reservoirs and if so, the details thereof?

#### Funds under Namami Gange Mission

†2739. SHRI OM PRAKASH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI CHANDRAKANT  
KHAIRE:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:



DR. RAM SHANKAR  
KATHERIA:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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 implementing Namami Gange Mission in the country to clean Ganga river and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has allocated/released any funds for several projects under the said mission and if so, the funds allocated/released and utilized during each of the last four years, State/project-wise;

(c) the details of the works carried out thereunder during the said period along with the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed including the extent of progress made in cleaning the river so far;

(d) whether presence of fecal coliform bacteria has increased in the river and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether any observations have been made by certain quarters including CAG on spending/utilization of funds meant for the purpose since inception of the mission and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(f) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to clean the river fully and achieve the targets within the stipulated time?

### Flight Cancellation Policy of Airlines

2740. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:  
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to review cancellation policy of airlines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether on changing name and cancelling tickets within 24 hours entail charges and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that passengers are not informed by airlines about flight cancellation well in advance thereby putting them into great hardships at last minutes of travel and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of such cases of cancellation of flights reported during the last three years and the current year, airline and year-wise;

(e) whether the Government is taking any measures to prevent such incidents and make the air travel comfortable to all air passengers; and

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

### Repairing of Dams

†2741. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:  
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed and identified the old dams across the country which are in a bad condition and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any centralized mechanism to monitor and address these issues and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations/requests about several dams including Mullaperiyar dam and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) the steps taken/to be taken to repair and strengthen each weak, dilapidated and old dam in the country; and

(e) the steps taken to save the life and livelihood of people living on the banks of such dams?

### Dam Safety Bill

2742. SHRI PONGULETI  
SRINIVASA REDDY:  
SHRI SUMAN BALKA:  
DR. K. GOPAL:  
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 operational and under construction dams in the country along with the instances of dam failures which occurred in the recent past, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has drafted a Dam Safety Bill and decided to bring a legislation to help/develop uniform

procedures for ensuring the safety of existing and new dams and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to give statutory powers to the Central Water Commission(CWC), the National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS), Central Dam Safety Organization (CDSO) and State Dam Safety Organisations (SDSOs) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether constitution of a National Committee on the dam safety is also proposed thereunder and if so, the details thereof along with the duties to be assigned to it; and

(e) whether certain States have raised objections on the issue and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

### Draft Passenger Charter for Air Passengers

2743. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:  
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed the passenger charter for the facility of air passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government in its charter has taken care of the interests of the passengers by ensuring that they are not overcharged by the aviation companies on cancellation of their tickets, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the aviation companies charge arbitrarily for last minute booking of flight tickets;

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to remove irregularities of ticket charging and the provision made in the charter to deal with airline employees who misbehave with the passengers; and

(f) whether the Government has also directed all the airlines to display the passenger charter their website as well as at the counters at airports for awareness and if so, the details thereof?

#### Development of Airports

†2744. SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:  
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:  
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

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

(a) the details of the number of Greenfield airports operational across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the number of Greenfield airports approved during the last three years across the country, State/UT-wise along with their present status;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for these airports across the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes for extension/development/modernization of certain airports in the country to make them world class and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) the time by which the above said work is likely to be started;

(f) whether the Union Government has received proposals for construction/upgradation of airports from State Governments in their respective States and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(g) whether the construction work of these airports is very slow in some of the States and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

2745. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN  
R.K.:  
SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) to impart skill training, job placements and construction work in RGNIYD Campus;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated annually for RGNIYD;

(c) whether any case has been registered against some officials of RGNIYD and Training centers by the Central Bureau of Investigation for the alleged embezzlement of funds and impropriety in execution of skill training projects and other construction activities; and

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

#### Wage Component under SCSP/TSP

2746. SHRI NABA KUMAR  
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the guidelines on Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) wage component should not be included under Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP)/TSP, especially under the rural employment schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether funds have been allocated to MGNREGS from the TSP budget during the last three financial years in contravention of the aforesaid guidelines;

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

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

#### Awareness Campaign on Rain Water Harvesting

2747. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

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 plans a special communication campaign to create awareness on rain water harvesting and water conservation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Jobless Workers of Closed Textile Mills

2748. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD  
DATTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of textile workers who have become jobless due to closure of textile units in the country or due to some other reasons and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any policy for rehabilitation and welfare of these jobless workers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to impart training to these jobless workers with the help of National Institute of Fashion Technology and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon; and

(d) whether the Government proposes any special package for the displaced labourers in this sector and if so, the details thereof?

#### Piped Drinking Water Project

2749. SHRI RAGHAV  
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether piped drinking water project has been started for providing clean drinking water in rural areas in the country, and if so, the norms and guidelines laid down for implementation of the said project in the rural areas;

(b) whether the Government has started the said project keeping in view the

quantity of hazardous toxic substances present in the ground water in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of the said project started in the rural areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh till date?

#### TAC Approved Projects

2750. 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 there is shortage of funds for the TAC approved river development/ERM projects;

(b) if so, the facts thereof along with the details of TAC approved projects and their status in each State and Union Territory;

(c) whether the Government is taking any effective steps to implement and adequately finance the TAC approved projects on priority before considering new projects; and

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

#### Air India Software Glitch in Check-in System

2751. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether at least 25 Air India flights were delayed globally due to a software

glitch that hampered the airline's check in system recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched an investigation into the incident; and

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

#### NTPC's Non-Fossil Based Resources

2752. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER  
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC plans to have about 30% of the 130 GW target in its Corporate Plan, 2032 to be sourced from non-fossil fuel based resources if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NTPC has also successfully tested the co-firing of biomass in its conventional coal fired boilers and is going ahead for burning upto 10% of biomass pellets in the boilers in one of its power projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Implementation of Rural Development Schemes

†2753. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:  
KUNWAR SARVESH  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of man-days of work generated under Mahatma Gandhi National

(c) the details of the facts and material on the basis of which the CVC directed registration of a criminal case?

#### Road Connectivity in Naxal Affected and Backward Regions

2755. SHRI PRABHAKAR  
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use funds from Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to improve road connectivity in naxal affected and backward regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the funds allocated and utilised under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Telangana?

#### Definition of an Electrified Villages

†2756. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of POWER  
विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of an electrified village;

(b) whether as per the assessment made by the Government around 18000 villages have been electrified and if so, the details thereof;

Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on the said schemes during the said period;

(c) whether the amount of expenditure on the said schemes has increased substantially;

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

(e) whether the Government is considering to increase expenditure with the purpose of removing poverty in Gram Panchayats; and

(f) if so, the amount likely to be sanctioned for this purpose?

#### Case against the US Based CDM Smith & Company

2754. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to register a case against the US-based CDM Smith & Co. and its Indian subsidiary and some other unnamed officials of the NHAI for paying and receiving bribes to the tune of US 1.18 million to secure work contracts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any FIR has been registered in this connection by the CBI, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of houses in a village where electricity connections are required, minimum hours of supply and consumption of electricity, separately as per the definition stipulated by the Government for an electrified village;

(d) whether the Government proposes to specify such norms, if not specified so far, in the definition of an electrified village; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Financial Assistance for Roads in Assam**

2757. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Works Department (PWD) of Assam has sought any assistance from the Central Government for renovation of roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of roads for which proposals have been received; and

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned for the said purpose?

**Utilisation of Central Road Fund**

†2758. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds for the Central Road Fund are utilised for the construction of roads;

(b) the State-wise details of the funds collected and utilised under the Central Road Fund during the last three years;

(c) the details of the public representatives on whose recommendation the funds from the said corpus were released during the year 2014 to 2016 for construction of new National Highways and renovation of existing National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the public representatives from Uttar Pradesh whose recommendations are pending with the Government under the said scheme since 2014 till date and if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said recommendations are likely to be approved?

**Expenditure on Construction of Highways and Roads**

†2759. SHRI NATUBHAI GOMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Government on the construction of highways and roads in the country;

(b) the State-wise number of roads constructed with the said amount; and

(c) the target set for the construction of total kilometers of roads by the Government in 2018-19 and the details of the amount likely to be spent thereon?

**Flood Control Schemes**

†2760. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

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

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of the schemes formulated so far by the Government regarding protection from severe floods in the country during the last four years?

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