

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 160

Coal cess transferred to NCEF

1917. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of coal cess collected during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) amount of coal cess that has been transferred to National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF), during each of the last three years;

(c) utilization of coal cess amount after transferring it to NCEF, during each of the last three years; and

(d) the State-wise allocation of coal cess during last three years?

Under utilisation of mines in Odisha

1918. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal and other mines in Odisha are not being utilized

for its full capacity despite having good potential;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how the Minister proposes to increase the output of the Mines of Odisha so that the State as well as the nation benefits from it?

Development work proposals pending in Chhattisgarh

†1919. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for development work during the last three years from the Chhattisgarh Government and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Government are still pending;

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(c) whether any time limit has been stipulated for disposal of proposals;

(d) whether delays in the execution of proposals hampers the development works and how the cost escalation related to the work is adjusted; and

(e) the details thereof?

Financial irregularities in outsourcing work in CIL and BCCL

1920. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been numerous complaints, including those relating to financial irregularities with regard to outsourcing of work in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL);

(b) if so, nature of complaints and action taken thereon may be indicated; and

(c) whether Government is proposing to review the outsourcing policy for Coal India Limited (CIL) in general?

Supply of coal to power sector by CIL

1921. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of coal to the power sector by Coal India Limited (CIL) saw a fall of 6 per cent at less than 34 million tonnes in October, 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to cut down coal production as demand for coal has come down drastically; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation for land acquisition in Chhattisgarh

†1922. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the land acquired in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) areas including Chhattisgarh for coal mining during the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to resettle the displaced ST people because of this acquisition and provide them proper compensation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

CSR activities undertaken by CCL and BCCL

1923. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) have undertaken any activity from its funds earmarked for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) based on the recommendations of Member of Parliament;

(b) if so, the nature of such activities undertaken in Jharkhand during the last three years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decline in earning from e-auctions of coal

1924. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earnings from e-auctions had declined with the fall in global coal prices;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the first quarter of the current financial year, the average realization from e-auctions dipped 28 per cent to ₹ 1,570/- per tonne from ₹ 2,184 per tonne a year earlier, even though more coal was sold; and

(d) whether the adequate availability of coal is expected to exert downward pressure on e-auction prices?

Environmental clearances for CIL projects

1925. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) is facing any difficulties with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in obtaining clearance for coal projects;

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

(c) the action taken by Government and progress in the matter?

Impact of construction of SBM toilets

1926. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) details of impact of Swachh Bharat Mission along with the funds allocated and utilized for the same during the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) details of any assessment survey carried out to measure the impact of the mission since its launch;

(c) whether construction of toilets have decreased open defecation, if so, details

thereof along with State/Union Territory-wise details regarding construction and usage of toilets; and

(d) whether Government is also focusing on behavioural change, along with, increasing access to toilets, if so, details thereof, and if not, the alternative steps taken by Government to eliminate open defecation?

Declaration of Golden Temple in Amritsar as a Swachh Iconic Place

1927. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action plan for the Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) initiative at the Golden Temple, Amritsar;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated and utilised for the initiative; and

(c) whether the proposed targets under the action plan been achieved, if not, the reasons therefor?

Provision of safe drinking water

1928. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports of some agencies that South India and some other parts of the country are in the grip of a severe drought;

(b) whether Government has taken urgent steps to ensure safe drinking water to all and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has a well thought out plan to give relief to rural people;

(d) whether Government is aware of various methods developed by its Science and Technology units to purify contaminated water; and

(e) whether Government has adopted any of them, if so, the details thereof?

CSR funds for cleanliness and preservation of water

1929. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make it mandatory for all water based industries and plants to spend a portion of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds especially for the cleanliness and preservation of water, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, by when and if no, what are the reasons for the same?

Central assistance to U.P. under TSC

1930. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Central Government to the Uttar Pradesh Government during 2015-16 under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC);

(b) whether Government proposes to sanction/provide more fund to the State for better implementation of the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of drinking water and sanitation schemes

†1931. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) details of the drinking water and sanitation schemes being implemented during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, including those in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the funds earmarked, allocated and spent for these schemes, State-wise;

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of achievements made under these schemes during the said period, State-wise?

Provision of potable water in Chhattisgarh

†1932. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received the list of villages covered under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana and the names of villages where drinking water is not consumable due to fluoride/arsenic/heavy metals contamination and the drinking water is to be provided under Gramin Nal Jal Praday Yojana from Chhattisgarh Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of complexes/houses where drinking water would be provided to the rural beneficiaries in 2017-18 and the details of next three years plan; and

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(d) the details of water availability in the houses through tap connection, the national average and that of Chhattisgarh?

Provision of clean drinking water in J & K

1933. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds sanctioned and released under clean drinking water scheme to Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that people of Jammu and Kashmir are facing problems to get clean water specially during winter season; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to provide clean water during snow season?

Targets of Swachh Bharat Mission

1934. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's flagship programme the Swachh Bharat Mission is not being implemented satisfactorily and is not giving expected results;

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

(c) the corrective measures being taken by Government to achieve expected objectives and the details thereof?

Status of implementation of drinking water and sanitation schemes

1935. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing drinking water and sanitation schemes under implementation in the country, State-wise/ UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any complaint regarding irregularities in the implementation of schemes relating to drinking water and sanitation in the States/ UTs and if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken by Government thereon;

(c) the funds allocated and utilised under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has recently undertaken any review to assess the performance of these schemes and if so, the outcome thereof, State-wise?

Pending proposals from U.P.

†1936. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for development works received by the Ministry from the U.P. Government during the last three years and the scheme-wise amounts thereof and the details of the action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which the proposals

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received from the State Government are pending till date;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed for the disposal of the proposals;

(d) whether hurdles are created in the developmental works due to the delay in the disposal of proposals and the manner in which the increased amount of outlay of the work is adjusted; and

(e) the details thereof?

Access to safe drinking water

1937. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the percentage of population who are using potentially unsafe private wells and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) the percentage of population suffering from water-related diseases, State-wise;

(c) the percentage increase in the total population that has access to safe drinking water since last two years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) the details of States where groundwater exceed the permissible levels of fluorides prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standard; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to curb the problems listed above?

World Bank assistance to drinking water and sanitation projects

1938. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the implementation of drinking water and sanitation projects, with the assistance of World Bank, State-wise and project-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to spread the projects to fresh districts;

(c) whether some of the projects failed to achieve the target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government thereon?

Steps taken to provide safe drinking water to all households

†1939. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the households of the country have access to safe drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the special measures taken by Government to ensure availability of safe drinking water for all the households of the country and whether these special measures have shown results as per expectation; and

(d) the details of special efforts done in the field of rural cleanliness during the last two years and the achievements thereof?

Funds spent under NRDWP

1940. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which have spent more than 60 per cent funds released to them under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during each of the last three years;

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(b) whether Government proposes to release additional funds to the States which have spent more than 60 per cent funds and have released additional funds to the States which have spent more than 60 per cent funds released under the said programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating their names?

Construction of water efficient toilets

1941. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct water efficient toilets for reducing water consumption by excessive flushing toilets in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken by Government to reduce unnecessary consumption of water by excessive flushing in toilets in the country?

Construction of toilets in rural areas

†1942. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed by Government for construction of toilets in rural areas of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether funds have been provided to the States to achieve the targets, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, whether the States have been asked to mobilise funds under this head from its own resources?

Availability of clean drinking water in rural and urban areas

†1943. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which "clean drinking water" has been defined in the context of good health and the status of the availability and non-availability of clean drinking water in the rural and urban areas of the country, in percentage terms, with regard to its standard and quality; and

(b) the time bound action plan for achieving the target of providing safe drinking water to all in the country?

Effective water management

1944. SHRI K.T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) since right to clean drinking water is a fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 of the constitution, whether Government has framed any new policy or action plan for effective water management in view of the fact that during the next 15 years, India is expected to be left with only half the water it needs and how Government proposes to deal with the huge shortage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when will Government be able to frame such policy?

Chemical contamination of water in Vijayawada

1945. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware that a recent study conducted by the Central Ground Water Board revealed that the groundwater in Vijayawada and surrounding areas is highly polluted and contains chemicals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for safety of locals using the groundwater?

Real time monitoring of Swachh Bharat Mission

1946. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated, spent and assets created during the last two years for nationwide real time monitoring system including Online Citizen Monitoring system for Swachh Bharat Mission as announced fourteen months ago;

(b) the State-wise details of complaints received and the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor and expected period for initiating the same; and

(c) the details of State-wise plan, if prepared, for utilizing World Bank loan provided for SBM and if not, expected period of finalizing the plan and its implementation?

Maintenance and operation of toilets under SBM

†1947. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the open defecation free villages declared by Government,

State/Union Territory-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to dispose of the human faeces collected in the toilets constructed in these open defecation free declared villages, if so, the number of such villages where it has been done; and

(c) whether Government has received any complaint regarding shortage of water and lack of maintenance of the toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Measurement of emissions

1948. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied that the emission intensity is the best indicator to measure reduced emissions;

(b) whether absolute emission reduction would be better indicator of reduced emission;

(c) what is the method of calculating emission intensity; and

(d) the expected deadline for the full implementation of the eight missions launched under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) to reduce emission intensity?

Changing of routes of migratory birds

1949. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that, due to deteriorating air quality of the country and the rising pollution, several migratory birds have changed their routes away from the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to address this concern?

Conservation of fresh water lakes

1950. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fresh water lakes that have disappeared/dried up during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has introduced or proposes to introduce any scheme or legislation for the cleaning, conservation and protection of fresh water lakes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far?

Data on deaths due to pollution

1951. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry maintains any data on deaths due to various kinds of pollution;

(b) whether it is a fact that, as per the recently released new global report, India is the worst affected country and more than ten lakh deaths in 2015 alone were attributed to pollution;

(c) if so, the details of pollution-related deaths in the country during the last five years and current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) what is the Ministry's view on the global report and the details of remedial measures taken to address the problem?

Coastal Zone Management Plan for Goa

1952. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Coastal Zone Management Plan is being drafted for Goa;

(b) whether Environment Protection Act has provided any guidelines for the State for this purpose;

(c) whether the State Government has suggested any changes in the existing plan; and

(d) whether fishing community and the residents of coastal areas are likely to get any relief under the new plan, the details thereof?

Projects of Uttar Pradesh pending environmental clearance

1953. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects pending with Central Government for environmental clearance from Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the number and details of the projects granted environmental clearance during the last two years along with the number of projects rejected with reasons?

Inclusion of Benzene in air quality index

1954. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to include Benzene, which is a known carcinogen causing Leukemia, in the air quality index;

(b) whether Benzene levels are being monitored in the air of metro cities, especially Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has conducted any studies into the causes of Benzene emission, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Wild animals venturing into human habitats

1955. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of wild animals venturing into human habitats reported during the last three years;

(b) whether there have been any loss of human or animal life in such cases, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to identify the reasons therefor, if so, the details thereof?

Graded action plan to reduce urban air pollution

1956. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to introduce graded action plan to reduce urban air pollution in Indian cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the major strategies of Government to tackle increasing air pollution in Indian cities and urban areas?

Preservation of biodiversity and resources

†1957. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for preservation of biodiversity and resources in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether various interventions and activities in forest areas have severely affected the biodiversity of plants and wildlife in different areas of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is chalking out any scheme to regulate the interventions and other activities in the forest areas for the protection of flora and fauna of the country, if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Regularisation of forest diversion

1958. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the user

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agency who are occupying forest land as per Sabik record, as on 26th October, 1980, have been allowed to file fresh forest diversion proposals to regularize such diversion within a time-limit of 30th September, 2016; and

(b) whether there is any proposal by the Central Government to extend the time-limit for another one year to regularize all such forest areas which are now in use by the user agency as non-forest area?

Survival of Gangetic river dolphins

1959. SHRIMATI JAYABACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether conservationist groups have expressed concern regarding the survival of Gangetic river dolphins on account of the National Waterways Project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any assessment of the threat to the said species has been made and if so, the details and findings thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any measure to tackle the threat posed by the said project to the species having the Gangetic region as their habitat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Achievements of NAEB

1960. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) how far the National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB) has been able to achieve the objectives for which it was set up about 25 years ago;

(b) the details of special schemes

executed in the past and those in progress by the Board; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken any mid-term evaluation of the objectives set for the Board to further fine-tune them in view of changed situations?

Damage to marine life due to oil spill

1961. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that recent Chennai Oil Spill caused great damage to marine life;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made regarding the amount of damage to marine life; and

(c) the steps taken to improve marine life, especially in Bay of Bengal?

Environmental assessment of building and real estate projects

1962. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that buildings and real estate projects between 20,000 and 300,000 sq. metres will no longer need to be assessed for environmental impact by the Centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that from now on, States can integrate the clearance process of such projects into their building by laws to streamline environmental clearance for a significant chunk of building project; and

(c) whether a new category of consultants called qualified building environment auditors empanelled by the

Ministry would assess and certify building projects and if so, the details thereof?

Registration of shops selling pets

1963. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shops selling pets will have to compulsorily register with State Animal Welfare Board organisations and ensure that animals are kept in comfortable surroundings as per a set of draft rules framed by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there were no rules as far as selling of pets, birds and other domestic animals;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to regulate the sale of pets, birds and other domestic animals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disposal to toxic garbage of Union Carbide Corporation

1964. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken in-principle decision to dispose of 332 tonnes of toxic garbage of Union Carbide Corporation in Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether a study has been made of such toxicity on human life?

HEI report on state of global air

1965. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of a report released by a world organisation namely the Health Effects Institute (HEI) regarding state of global air;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) whether Government would take action on a war-footing regarding improving the quality of air; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status report of Paris Agreement

†1966. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the current status report of those agreements signed under Paris Climate Agreement and to be implemented in the country;

(b) the steps being taken by Government regarding the proposed provision in the agreement that most of the buildings would be constructed using Smart and net zero technique; and

(c) the preparedness of Government to propagate this agreement at a large scale and create awareness in the country so that common man can understand this agreement and public can be made aware of the changing climate?

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Productivity of Indian forest

1967. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether productivity of Indian forests is very low;

(b) whether growing awareness about environmental degradation has forced us to look at forest wealth as a protective agent for environment rather than a commercial commodity;

(c) whether there is any policy to grow commercial forests and maintain the balance between commercial and environmental outlook towards forests; and

(d) if so, the statistics of growth in commercial forestry, year-wise during the last five years?

Diversion of forests in Nagpur

1968. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested for the diversion of 564.00 hectares of forest land under section 2 (ii) and 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for development of proposed International Standard Zoo Safari and Wildlife Rescue Centre at Gorewada, Nagpur; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and by when it would be cleared/sanctioned?

Widespread drought in forests

1969. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government noticed the widespread drought in forests, especially in Western Ghats; and

(b) if so, the details and measures Government is planning to take to tackle the issue?

CEA recommendations on setting up of new thermal power plants

†1970. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the report submitted by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) containing recommendations for not setting up any new thermal power plant till the year 2022;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that despite this report, the Ministry has recommended setting up of new thermal power plants of about 17,000 megawatt; and

(c) if so, whether it is not a deviation from Government's commitment of achieving the targets of climate change?

Regulation of diesel vehicles

1971. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any yardstick based on

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National Air Quality Index has been set to ban or regulate diesel vehicles in cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of cities which are supposed to ban or regulate diesel vehicles based on such yardsticks?

Development of next generation sustainable refrigerants

1972. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) in the light of the Kigali agreement, whether India has plans to develop next-generation sustainable refrigerants; and

(b) if so, the details of those plans and if not, the reasons therefor?

NGT ban on burning of waste

1973. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a ban on burning of waste and whether its violation would be penalised with a fine; and

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

Revival of Kolar gold mines

1974. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to revive the Kolar gold mines; and

(b) if so, the plans thereof?

Complaints of illegal mining

1975. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received about illegal mining in Odisha, Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) the details of action taken on these complaints, year-wise;

(c) the areas wherefrom these cases have been reported; and

(d) whether any enquiry has been constituted on these complaints?

Mining of blue sapphire in Jammu

1976. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state whether Government plans to explore the mining of World Class blue sapphire in Pader region of Kishtwar district of Jammu?

Ratification of International Solar Alliance's framework agreement

1977. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given its ex-post facto approval to the proposal of the Ministry for the ratification of the International Solar Alliances framework agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the benefits the country would gain from such framework in the field of solar energy?

Power generation from clean sources

1978. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to a report, Tata Power aims to produce 25 per cent of its total power generation from clean sources by 2017 and would invest around ₹ 5,000 crore in wind energy;

(b) whether Government is also aiming to generate power from renewable energy sources on the pattern of Tata Power; and

(c) if so, the details of such project?

Funds from NCEF

1979. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry receives transfer of funds from National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF);

(b) if so, the details of funds received from NCEF from 2014 onward including funds for this year's budget;

(c) whether the Ministry received grants from Government over and above the NCEF funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the above period;

(e) the details of utilisation of those funds; and

(f) whether the Ministry has received a gross allocation of ₹ 10,814 crore in budget 2017-18 and if so, how much of this is from sources other than NCEF?

Electrification of backward and remote areas of the country

1980. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government for electrification of villages situated in backward and remote areas of the country, State-wise, through new and renewal energy sources;

(b) the details of the fund released for this purpose by Central Government, State-wise; and

(c) the number of proposals received by State Governments in this regard, State-wise?

Import of solar panels

1981. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the import of solar panels by Government during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken any effort to produce solar panels in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in wind power tariff

1982. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wind power tariff has reduced considerably upon auction of wind power;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the benefits of tariff drop have reached the consumers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Identification of cities in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh under Solar Cities Programme

1983. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:
SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Development of Solar Cities Programme;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Mysore and Hubli-Dharwad in Karnataka and Vijayawada, Kakinada and Narsapur Town in Andhra Pradesh have been identified under the programme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) to what extent a solar city helps in reducing consumption of energy from fossil fuels; and
- (e) the amount sanctioned, released and spent on the above cities since their declaration as solar cities?

Solar power installations atop or besides canals

1984. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether currently about 100 MW of solar power installations atop and besides canals are either approved or under construction in eight Indian States, with Gujarat leading the pack;

(b) whether Gujarat alone has a canal network of 80,000 km and whether using even 30 per cent of this network for canal/atop solar projects, 18,000 MW power could be generated in Gujarat alone; and

(c) whether a solar power installation atop canals might allow India to double its renewable energy capacity, while saving land for a country three times as densely populated as China?

Training programme for Suryamitra

1985. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether only students from ITI/ Diploma institutions can participate in training programmes for Suryamitra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of students who have received Suryamitra training so far; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to train students on a large scale under the programme, keeping in view the huge demand for such skilled persons across the country?

Transmission from power surplus to deficit States

1986. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Green Energy Corridor and other new transmission lines so that renewable power can be transmitted where it is needed, as there are significant power surpluses in some States and power deficits in others; and

(b) the details of peak power deficit in Uttar Pradesh and peak power surplus electricity in Madhya Pradesh and the status of the capacity in percentage of power transmission between them during the need?

Solar power generated by Tamil Nadu

1987. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has been unable to use all the solar power it had generated; and

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

Financial position of Panchayats

1988. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States are not constituting State Finance Commissions regularly as mandated by Constitution under Article 243 to review the financial positions of the Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States where those Commissions are presently existing; and

(d) whether Government is taking any steps to see that all the States constitute such Commissions?

Basic facilities to panchayats and urban local bodies

†1989. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current policies and

action plans have not been effective and desirably not successful in providing basic facilities to all panchayats and urban local bodies of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan is being implemented by the Central Government for development of unified panchayat and urban local body in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether public-private-partnership model has been adopted for successful and effective implementation of this unified plan?

Common enemy of the country

1990. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poverty, unemployment, literacy and infant mortality are the most dangerous common enemy of the country but are not getting the attention, that it deserves; and

(b) the details of measures Government proposes to take to banish poverty, unemployment, literacy and infant mortality from the country?

Definition of poverty

†1991. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been unable to define poverty till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) if not, the present definition of poverty according to the Government?

Indigenous production of bullet-proof jackets

1992. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating the production of bullet-proof jackets indigenously and discourage imports in this field;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the PMO has also directed NITI Aayog to prepare the guidelines in this matter and incentives and sops to be given to the aspiring producers for developing indigenous production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NITI Aayog schemes on roads and power in hilly States

1993. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes proposed by NITI Aayog for ensuring availability of roads and power in hilly States;

(b) the details of steps being taken for increasing the means of employment in the North-Eastern States; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by NITI Aayog in the form of special economic packages to Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States?

Replacement of subsidies with UBI

1994. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is mulling replacement of India's various direct and indirect subsidies for the poor with one Universal Basic Income (UBI) scheme;

(b) whether those interested in UBI argue that this cost would be more than offset by lower administrative cost of running large welfare programmes;

(c) whether, in contrast, the detractors of UBI contend that a scheme that guarantees a basic income could reduce work effort by as much as 5 per cent per person per annum; and

(d) if so, whether Government is rolling out UBI scheme that would subsume all existing welfare subsidy schemes?

Power generation by NEEPCO

1995. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity in Mega Watts (M.W.) of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) during 2016-17;

(b) the gross generation in Million Units (MU) of NEEPCO during 2016-17;

(c) the energy requirement, in MU in the States of North Eastern Region during 2016-17;

(d) the availability in MU of energy in the States of the North Eastern Region during 2016-17;

(e) the peak demand of energy, in MW,

in the States of the North Eastern Region during 2016-17; and

(f) the shortage of energy in the States of the North Eastern Region?

Hydro power generation in Tamil Nadu

1996. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all hydro power projects in Tamil Nadu have run dry due to prevailing drought in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has allocated additional power from the central pool to the State due to drastic decrease in the power generation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coverage of UDAY

1997. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States have joined UDAY;

(b) whether over 92 per cent of India's public sector power distribution sector having debt of over ₹ 4 trillion has been covered by UDAY; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Power demand and supply situation

1998. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply

of power is ten times less as compared to demand of power in the country;

(b) what is the current demand and supply of power in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is planning to provide sufficient power to all farmers and people in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the expected time and expenditure to complete this dream project?

Electrification of villages

1999. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of villages which are yet to be electrified in various States including Odisha and Uttarakhand, as on date;

(b) the concrete steps taken by Government for electrification of all villages in these two States; and

(c) the funds sought by different State Governments under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and the funds provided by Government till date?

Expenditure by power companies on CSR

†2000. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds spent by

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various companies in the Ministry under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years;

(b) the details of the amount spent during the above years, State-wise, district-wise and work-wise;

(c) whether less funds have been issued to Chhattisgarh under CSR during the above period due to which people have received less benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electricity saved due to LED bulbs

‡2001. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of electricity saved, in watts, in the country during 2015-16 under the Government's scheme for installing LED bulbs;

(b) whether Government has any data about the number of electricity consumers who have started using LED bulbs by 2015-16, State-wise/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of total amount of budget Government had spent on this Scheme as subsidy during 2015-16?

Vulnerability of Smart Power Grid Technology

2002. SHRI N. GUKULA-KRISHNAN:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Smart Power Grid Technology, as per the study conducted, is prone to hacking and if so, the details thereof and the reasons

therefor; and

(b) whether Government has taken any precautions in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Driving training research institute and motor vehicles inspection and certification in Chhattisgarh

‡2003. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up a driving training research institute and a centre for inspection and certification of motor vehicles in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, by when both the projects would be sanctioned?

Steps taken to reduce road accidents on National Highways

2004. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take precautionary steps to reduce road accidents on National Highways;

(b) whether reducing speed at vulnerable points by alarming drivers with caution signs and speed control monitoring machines fitted in all diamond quadrilateral roads could save many lives; and

(c) whether Government would undertake these initiatives speedily?

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Highway advisory programmes on National Highways

†2005. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to broadcast highway advisory programmes on other National Highways also;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard till date; and

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

Clearing of roads blocked due to landslides

2006. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps Government has taken to keep highways and National Highways clear whenever there is a landslide in hilly/forest areas and to clear the debris on road to remove the road blockades;

(b) whether Government is adopting any new technique apart from the existing old techniques and efforts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Registration of vehicles

2007. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on registering the

purchase of vehicles subject to the parking facilities provided by the buyer; and

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

Use of CCTV cameras on National Highways

2008. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CCTV cameras are being used to monitor the traffic violations on National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details of cameras installed during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is a proposal for use of high resolution satellite data for monitoring crime and accidents on Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds sanctioned for the same?

Hotels, food stalls and water booths along highways for people parting with land

2009. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to allot some specific percentage of hotels, food stalls and water booths around highways to those people whose land was acquired for construction of roads and highways and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if there is no such plan, the reasons therefor?

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Four lane National Highways

2010. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on construction of four lane National Highways in various States, including Maharashtra and Haryana, during the last two years;

(b) the total toll tax collected from these highways, including in Haryana, during the above period;

(c) the present status of these projects and the type of maintenance liability imposed on the construction company;

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed and the action taken for timely completion; and

(e) the amount allocated and utilised on repairing and maintenance, construction of service roads, pedestrian/cycle tracks and security of public on these National Highways during that period?

Progress of Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways

2011. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways and by when they are likely to be opened to public;

(b) whether these projects are running

behind schedule and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether adequate funds have been provided to implementing agencies, namely National Highways Authority of India and PWD, Haryana Government respectively; and

(d) whether any Committee has been formed to monitor the two projects on a time-bound basis and if so, the details thereof?

Cycle tracks along highways and major roads

†2012. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has proposed construction of cycle tracks along highways along with the major roads in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of this proposal; and

(d) by when it is likely to be given a final shape?

Accidents due to poor visibility

2013. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor visibility is a major cause of concern for most of the road accidents in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase in road accidents during foggy season;

(c) whether Government is considering

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to come out with any measures to prevent accidents due to poor visibility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Highways development in Andhra Pradesh

2014. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to construct Highways in Andhra Pradesh with an investment of ₹ 1 lakh crores and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the highways projects being taken up particularly in the Rayalaseema region; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose?

Digital payment method for toll collection

2015. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, out of the total number of toll transactions on National Highways, almost 20 per cent have moved to the digital payment method;

(b) whether there has been huge increase in the number of transactions through the digital mode;

(c) whether Government expects it to touch 30 per cent of the total toll collection in the coming months; and

(d) whether over two lakh RFID toll cards have been sold since demonetisation announcement on 8th November, 2016?

Voluntary Vehicle Fleet Modernisation Programme

2016. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the proposed Voluntary Vehicle Fleet Modernization Programme;

(b) whether Government is formulating a new policy for giving financial assistance to those willing to discard their old cars and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has advised people to avoid using multiple cars and adopt vehicle planning and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the benefits and applicability of the programme; and

(e) whether the proposed programme has the potential to reduce vehicular emission and oil consumption and if so, the details thereof?

Completion of Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways

2017. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any deadline has been fixed by the Ministry for completion of the Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways;

(b) if so, the year and month, these projects would be completed and the amount of money earmarked for the projects;

(c) whether these projects are a step towards reducing congestion and pollution in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National regulation for cab aggregators

2018. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to draft national regulations for technology-based cab aggregators;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that certain information technology companies do not have city permits or licenses to operate cabs and if so, whether the Ministry is taking any action against such companies; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking action against companies imposing surge pricing on cab services?

Recovery of investment on Ahmedabad-Vadodara expressway

2019. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the recovery of investment on Ahmedabad-Vadodara expressway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Condition survey of bridges under IBMS

2020. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bridges on National Highways for which condition survey has been done so far, under the Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS);

(b) the total number of bridges identified for repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction under IBMS; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for early rehabilitation of identified bridges?

Expediting four laning of Jammu-Poonch National Highway

2021. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been sanctioned under the Central Road Fund (CRF) for four laning of Jammu-Poonch National Highway;

(b) what is the cause of delay in starting four laning work on Jammu-Akhnoor section of this highway;

(c) whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the said work has been finalized and submitted by the concerned agency; and

(d) whether any directions have been issued to the State Government to expedite the work?

Bogus driving licences

2022. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of bogus driving licences in the country;

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

(c) how Government is going to check these bogus licences?

National Highways declared in Uttar Pradesh

‡2023. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down to declare any road as a National Highway;

(b) the procedure followed to declare a particular road as a National Highway;

(c) the details of new National Highways declared in Uttar Pradesh during 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the total length thereof, in kilometres; and

(d) the progress made towards construction of highways declared as NHs during those years?

Waiving off toll tax on highways

‡2024. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to waive off toll tax on roads and highways in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to waive off the toll tax for those living nearby the toll roads, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any action plan to provide service roads to the villages adjacent to toll roads, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of NH-228

2025. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of ROAD

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has declared the famous Dandi March route on which Mahatma Gandhi walked to launch salt satyagraha as heritage route and declared it as National Highway No. 228 in 2006;

(b) if so, whether this National Highway has been built;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal to sanction money for phase II of this highway; and

(d) if so, the progress made on this proposal?

Rural clusters for improving quality of life

2026. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, to improve the quality of life of people in rural areas, the Ministry has asked all States to identify rural clusters as per the framework for implementation; and

(b) if so, the names of the States which have responded to the Ministry and what perceptible change the Ministry has seen in the quality of life of people in rural areas of those States?

Expenditure on MGNREGA

2027. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure on MGNREGA has increased in nominal terms since the year 2011-12 whereas it has actually been decreasing in real terms

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measured at 2011-12 prices and the budgeted expenditure in 2017-18 is about 28 per cent lower than the revised estimates of Financial Year 2010 in real terms; and

(b) if so, the expenditure on MGNREGA in nominal terms and real terms since 2011-12, year-wise and Government's reaction thereto?

Wells constructed in Jharkhand under MGNREGA

2028. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wells constructed in Jharkhand under MGNREGA during the last three financial years;

(b) how many are currently functional; and

(c) what benefits have accrued from construction of wells under MGNREGA in the State, based on review by Government?

Performance of DAY-NRLM

2029. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has not resulted in at par performance during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of projects and employment status of the skill trained people;

(c) the status of credit and interest rate of the banks for group enterprises/beneficiaries during the last two years; and

(d) the details of proposals, planning and implementation strategy of Government for achievement of the target thereunder in the next three years?

Employment provided under MGNREGA

†2030. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor people who got employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) since its inception, State-wise and gender-wise;

(b) the details of amount of money received by every person as minimum wages;

(c) whether Government has developed or proposes to develop any mechanism for creating awareness about this scheme among the rural population; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for improving rural road connectivity in LWE affected States

2031. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a scheme aimed at improving rural road connectivity in 44 worst Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected and adjoining districts in different States;

(b) whether the roads under the project have been identified by the concerned State Government and security agencies; and

(c) which States, considered LWE-

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affected, in varying degrees, are to be covered under the project?

Benefits to SC and ST persons under MGNREGA

2032. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes getting benefits under MGNREGA during the last three years;

(b) whether these persons are given any special concessions under this scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Villages covered under SAGY in J&K

2033. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages developed under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in Jammu and Kashmir, district-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated to these villages on priority under centrally sponsored schemes;

(c) whether it is a fact that centrally sponsored schemes are not being implemented fully in these villages;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government would take for proper implementation of the scheme in these villages?

Working of DILRMP

2034. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of land records that were computerized under the Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme (DILRMP);

(b) the details of funds given to Tamil Nadu for this purpose;

(c) whether Government would be able to cover all districts in the country within the stipulated time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in construction of rural roads in Himachal Pradesh

2035. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work of roads in Himachal Pradesh is lagging behind their schedule under PMGSY/NABARD assisted scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, road-wise and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the status of link road Jangla-Nandla, Jalwari-Kailu and Thana-Dhauldhara in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh and by when these projects would be taken up for construction?

Increase of MGNREGA wages

2036. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase wages paid under MGNREGA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard and by when enhanced wages would be provided to the beneficiaries and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Mahendra Dev Committee set up in this regard has given its report to Government and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is planning to implement the recommendations of the Committee and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has taken the views of States in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Decrease in job cards issued under MGNREGA

2037. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of job cards issued under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country has decreased during current year;

(b) if so, the details of job cards issued during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has any plan to increase work days in drought affected States and drought like situations under MGNREGA during current year; and

(d) if so, the details of such States?

Shortfall in achievement of targets under PMAY-G

2038. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether against a target of building 4.4 million houses in one year, the Ministry has been able to build just 1.1 million to 1.8 million houses annually in the last five years under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and if so, the reasons for the shortfall;

(b) whether the Ministry has achieved its plan to get 30,000 trained masons, carpenters and plumbers for this scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any other steps to fast track implementation of this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Anomaly in wages calculated under MGNREGA

2039. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any anomaly has been reported in calculating the wages paid under MGNREGA under piece work; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New projects under PMGSY

2040. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new projects inaugurated under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2016;

(b) the net investment for these new projects;

(c) whether Government also intends to assess the quality and impact of roads under PMGSY; and

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

Delay in payment of wages under MGNREGA in Uttarakhand

†2041. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers working under the MGNREGA in various districts of Uttarakhand have not been paid wages for a long time;

(b) if so, whether funds are being provided for payment of wages under MGNREGA in the State; and

(c) if so, the details of funds provided to various districts in the State during 2014 to December, 2016?

Release of MGNREGA funds to drought hit States

2042. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drought declared by various States during the last three years and current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) when were the proposals for assistance submitted to the Ministry, State-wise and the action taken on each of such proposal, proposal-wise, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Supreme Court has taken strong objection to Ministry's enormous delay in releasing funds to drought-hit States under MGNREGA and asked

Government to submit a detailed chart of 10 drought-hit States and specify number of people and districts, including villages, affected by it; and

(d) if so, action taken by the Ministry thereon?

Houses for rural poor

†2043. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme for providing houses to rural poor along with the details of size, type and cost of houses and amount of grants given therefor;

(b) in view of part (a) the number of homeless rural poor, State-wise and the annual action plan for construction of houses, as per the target and the estimate of the amount to be spent thereon; and

(c) the provisions to provide electricity, drinking water and road facilities to such houses with reference to parts (a) and (b) above?

National waterways Kakinada and Puducherry

2044. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to take up National Waterways-4 between Kakinada and Puducherry recently;

(b) if so, aims and objectives of the above project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that office for this purpose has been set up in Vijayawada; and

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(d) the details of estimated cost, expected transportation of goods after completion of project and by when project is likely to be commissioned?

Removal of private cargo handling pool workers at Visakhapatnam

2045. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has noted the throwing out of 400 private pool workers working in Visakhapatnam port for the last 25 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have been thrown out citing mechanization of coal unloading;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that mechanization has not yet been completed and unloading is still being done manually by engaging other private workers; and

(d) the step taken by the Ministry to protect these 400 workers languishing on roads and sitting on dharna for the last four months?

Popularity and viability of waterways

2046. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether waterways developed for the public have become popular and economically viable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Plan for construction of port at Enayam, Tamil Nadu

2047. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to construct a port at Enayam, Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the local people and civil society were consulted about the project;

(c) if so, the details of such consultations; and

(d) if not, why Government did not consult the local fishermen and public, when there is a large scale opposition to the project?

Protests against draft Major Ports Authority Bill

2048. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade union workers of major ports, including Visakhapatnam port have staged demonstrations against the draft Major Ports Authority Bill (MPAB) which erode the autonomy of major ports;

(b) if so, the response of Government;

(c) whether Government intends to sell the valuable assets of ports to corporate sector as part of privatization; and

(d) if so, how would Government ensure proper development of major ports in the country for the overall economic growth?

Mumbai to Goa ship/cargo services

2049. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any survey to start new shipping services from mainland to islands of the country to cater to more passenger/cargo transportation;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to restart Mumbai-Goa ship services thereof;

(d) if so, details of the proposal; and

(e) the proposal of Government to start new ship/cargo services from various ports to the islands?

Ferry service for decongestion of city traffic

2050. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government targets to start ferry service at about 18 locations to help decongest city traffic;

(b) name of the 18 locations and by when the work on these locations would be started; and

(c) a detailed factual note thereon with the present status of the work on these locations, if already awarded?

Legislation on water transport administration

2051. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to bring out a legislation for water transport administration in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Development of IWT system

2052. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted a Formal Safety Assessment (FSA) or any other assessment to assess the 111 rivers that form the inland waterways and are safe to be developed as integrated Water Transport (IWT) system;

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

(c) whether Government has plans to make registration of inland vessels mandatory and enforce minimum construction standards to avoid boat capsizing tragedy; and

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

Training of port professionals with modern technical/skills

2053. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focussing on imparting training/skills to port and terminal professionals through modern technical workshops in the various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much fund have been utilized for this programme and number of skilled professionals produced since last two years?

Pending water project in U.P.

†2054. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise/Union Territory-wise details of ongoing/pending water projects

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in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether State Government has been issued sanctioned/allocated funds for various water projects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received proposals for various water projects/programmes from various States particularly from Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including decisions taken in this regard?

Desiltation of river Ganga

2055. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee constituted to study the flow of river Ganga has in its report stated that deposition of silt in huge quantities has taken place in the river;

(b) whether, it is also a fact that this causes floods in various cities of Bihar;

(c) whether Farakka barrage is one of the reasons for silting in the river;

(d) whether Government proposes a plan to desilt the river; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of implementation of PMKSY

†2056. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pradhan Mantri Krishi

Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has been initiated to provide adequate water for irrigation throughout the year to all farmers of the country, including Maharashtra;

(b) the total funds allocated for this scheme in budget for 2017-18;

(c) the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the total amount spent in all districts of Maharashtra till October, 2016 under PMKSY; and

(e) the details thereof, district-wise?

Micro irrigation facilities under PMKSY

†2057. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has provided micro irrigation facility on 12.7 lakh hectare land during the last two years under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government regarding 60-70 year old irrigation projects which need to be modernized at the earliest; and

(c) whether Government would provide financial assistance to State Governments for the expansion and modernization of important irrigation schemes like Kosi Canal Irrigation Scheme and Sone Canal Irrigation Schemes, the details thereof?

Proposal for Channelising river Pabbar in H.P.

2058. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT

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AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received a proposal for ₹190 crore from the Himachal Pradesh Government regarding channelising river Pabbar at Rohru in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the matter is pending for sanction before the Ministry for long; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposal and when the required amount will be released for commencement of the project?

Status of SAUNI Project

2059. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of proposal for Saurashtra Narmada Avatan for Irrigation (SAUNI) Project Phase II;

(b) by when the proposal would be cleared by the Ministry; and

(c) the amount of loans available for SAUNI Project Phase-II and sources of its external funding?

Committee constitution for resolving Mahanadi river dispute

2060. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Negotiation Committee has been constituted by the Central Government to resolve the Mahanadi river dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, whether both the States have agreed to abide by the report of this Committee; and

(c) the details of steps taken in the past to resolve this dispute between these two States during the last three years?

Management of groundwater levels

2061. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that groundwater level in many parts of the country has plummeted due to over exploitation of existing resources;

(b) if so, whether Government has proposed to draw a new World Bank assisted scheme to manage groundwater resources in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and the States which are likely to be benefited from this initiative?

Budget allocation for cleaning of Ganga river

2062. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget allocated and utilised for cleaning of river Ganga during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the pollution in river Ganga has reduced considerably with Government providing huge funds for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the total stretch of the river Ganga cleaned by now;

(d) whether the cities/industries situated on the bank of the river Ganga have stopped draining sewer and polluted water into the river Ganga; and

(e) the details of action taken by Government against defaulters for polluting the river Ganga?

Setting up single tribunal for all inter State river water disputes

2063. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up a single, permanent tribunal to adjudicate all inter-State river water disputes replacing existing tribunals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether benches would also be proposed at various regions; and

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed for delivery of verdict, if so, the details thereof?

Laxity in cleaning of Ganga river

†2064. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for cleanliness of Ganga river from June, 2014 till date and the funds utilised out of them;

(b) the number of messy sewerage falling in the Ganga and the number of factories discharging wastes in the Ganga which have been closed/removed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been no cleaning of the Ganga as per National Green Tribunal (NGT) and the public money has been wasted;

(d) if so, whether Government has fixed any responsibility for it; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of crematorium facilities along river Ganga

2065. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request for modernisation of crematorium facilities along the river Ganga from certain States including West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and actions taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and spent on the said project in the past two years?

Declining of water level of water bodies

†2066. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decline in water level of water bodies had been witnessed in the country during recent months and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of plan, targets and

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achievements made towards enhancement of water level in water bodies and conservation of ground water in the country; and

(c) whether Government would undertake a study on innovative experiment like constructing a small reservoir called 'Dobha' for improving the water table in farms of Jharkhand State?

Opposition to inter-linking of river projects in Tamil Nadu

2067. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that neighbouring States of Tamil Nadu are opposing the various inter-linking of river projects under Penninsular rivers component;

(b) the details of the States which are opposing inter-linking of rivers, project-wise;

(c) whether Government had made any attempt to persuade the opposing States in order to pursue the projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps taken to clean the river Ganga

2068. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes proposed at various places, right from the place of origin of the river Ganga to different States/cities in order to make this holy river free from pollution, the details thereof;

(b) whether any extensive study was conducted or any commission or committee was set up for Clean Ganga Campaign before implementing the above project, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time limit set for the Clean Ganga Campaign and the details of the estimated outlay of this project?

Setting up of treatment plants

2069. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of treatment plants set up till date;

(b) the amount of water treated till date; and

(c) the number of public outreach programmes taken forward by Namami Gange Programme and the details thereof?

Website on cleaning of river Ganga

2070. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Ministry's website, except for the IITs, names of others involved in cleaning of Ganga programme have not been mentioned;

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

(c) how many NGOs are involved and the reasons as to why the website does not list any details about the infrastructures developed at various places for cleaning of Ganga?

River Front Development in Delhi and other metro cities

2071. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to develop banks of river Yamuna in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the time it is likely to take;
- (c) which are the names of other metro cities in the country identified for river front development and by when the work is likely to commence; and
- (d) whether Government has any plan for river front development of river Panchganga at Kolhapur?

Inter-linking of rivers

2072. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared feasibility and detailed project report on inter-linking of various river across the country;
- (b) if so, the present status of implementation of the Report; and
- (c) when the inter-linking of rivers is likely to be completed?

Water allocation distribution between A.P. and Telangana

2073. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT

AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the basis and methodology on which water in Srisaillam and Nagarjunsagar reservoirs is distributed between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (b) the utilisation of water from Srisaillam and Nagarjunsagar reservoirs since division of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether the recent allocation of water between A.P. and Telangana by Krishna River Water Management Board is justified; and
- (d) if not, how Ministry will intervene and do justice to A.P. in allocation of water from the above two reservoirs?

Maintenance of water bodies

2074. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that incorporating maintenance of water bodies as an integral part of town planning is essential to ensure their upkeep and prevent incidents of urban flooding;
- (b) whether encroachment of natural drainage channels is one of the main reasons for flooding in urban areas; and
- (c) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to incorporate the maintenance of water bodies in urban areas?

Policy on silt management of river Ganga

2075. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any policy on silt management in the backdrop of reduction of depth of Ganga river on account of siltation which added to the floods of 2016; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when will Government be able to frame such a policy?

Affect of Polavaram project on forest land in Odisha

2076. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reservoir operation schedule of Polavaram project prescribed in Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal award has been changed by the Central Water Commission, as per the revised design flood of 50 lakh cusecs;

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

(c) whether any forest land in Odisha territory will be affected due to construction of the protective embankments of Polavaram project; and

(d) if so, how the final forest clearance has been given to the project?

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