

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, July 31, 2017/Shravana 9, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)**

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Division of CIL into seven companies**

1601. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to divide Coal India Limited into seven companies within a year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government backed down from a similar proposal in the face of union protests in 2014; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Closure of coal mines**

1602. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited has proposed to close 37 mines this year; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to redeploy the surplus workers?

#### **Singareni coal workers' strike on legacy appointments**

1603. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited coal workers' strike seeking legacy appointments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to appease the coal workers?

#### **Inferior quality of coal in the country**

1604. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal produced in the country is of inferior quality leading to import of coal from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details of coal imported from foreign countries, grade-wise;

(c) will Government take any step to improve the standard of coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revenue sharing model for commercial coal mining**

1605. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for review of the revenue sharing model for award of coal blocks for commercial mining; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the model proposed in lieu of revenue sharing model?

**Coal mines target and rehabilitation in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh**

1606. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has fixed up its target of coal mining of 1.5 billion tonnes per annum;

(b) if so, by when the CIL is likely to meet the target; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking for rehabilitation of displaced persons in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh?

**Transfer of coal mines in AP**

1607. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any request from Andhra Pradesh Government to transfer the coal mines geographically existing in Andhra Pradesh, to the State-owned corporation, from Singareni Coal Mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Funds disbursed under NRDWP in States/UTs**

1608. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise quantum of funds that have been disbursed under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the Union Territory-wise quantum of funds that have been disbursed under the NRDWP during the last three years?

**Reports of Swachh Survekshan (Gramin)**

1609. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry through Quality Council of India (QCI) has conducted Swachh Survekshan 2016 (Gramin) and the 8th report of the same was released in September, 2016, and if so, the details of seven reports that preceded this latest report;

(b) the details of the guidelines that QCI follows for the Swachh Survekshan; and

(c) the details of such surveys conducted in the past and the future plans to enhance these surveys?

**Solar power based water supply scheme in Telangana**

1610. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that solar power based dual pump water supply scheme is being implemented in Adilabad district of Telangana;

(b) how many habitations in the above district are expected to get water supply;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no habitation has been covered since implementation of the scheme i.e., 2013;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the identified habitations in the above district would be covered under this scheme?

#### **Allocation for drinking water schemes**

1611. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry's decision not to increase the budgetary allocation for drinking water schemes in certain States for the financial year 2017-18 has been implemented;

(b) if so, the impact of this move on States and other relevant details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Scarcity of drinking water in States**

1612. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the water crisis in North Eastern States, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the situation in those States; and

(c) what measures have been taken for improving the supply of drinking water in water scarce districts?

#### **Survey on sanitation in rural areas**

1613. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to undertake a nationwide survey in rural areas to assess the actual sanitation situation on the ground;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has engaged Quality Council of India to carry out the survey;

(c) whether objective behind the survey was to create greater awareness among people and also push competition among villages to improve their sanitation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Waterborne diseases due to contaminated drinking water**

1614. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths reported due to waterborne diseases during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) which are the ten States with most contaminated drinking water; and

(c) what specific steps are being taken by Government to improve the water quality in these States, details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Construction of toilets under SBM**

1615. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets built under the Swachh Bharat Mission and whether their usage is proportionately balanced to their number, especially in rural areas;

(b) the details of incentives provided by Government to people for not defecating in open;

(c) the details of awareness programmes conducted by Ministry for education about diseases, infections and growth related

issues for adults and children on relieving themselves through traditional means?

**Piped water supply in Gram Panchayats**

1616. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of about 13,000 Gram Panchayats (GP) in Andhra Pradesh only 7,800 GPs are covered with piped water supply;

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

(c) how Ministry is going to help Andhra Pradesh under NRDWP to provide piped drinking water in the 7,800 GPs?

**Verification of ODF villages**

1617. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases the declaration of the Central Government to the villages as Open-Defecation-Free (ODF) are without verifying the facts of the villages of the country;

(b) if so, State-wise report to Government therein; and

(c) the module to compete the claim in original of ODF therefor?

**Provision of drinking water in Manipur**

1618. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes, programmes and projects for making drinking water available to the public;

(b) the status of implementation, funds disbursed and utilized for the aforesaid in Manipur;

(c) whether Government is aware that availability of drinking water is a grave issue in the State and whether Government would take up any special measures to make piped drinking water available to the residents of the State; and

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

**Allocation of SBM funds for religious and tourist sites in Haryana**

†1619. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special attention has been paid to religious and tourist sites in Haryana under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) if so, the details of works executed by Government in religious and tourist sites in the State and the amount spent, so far, on this; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Allocation of funds for toilets in Chhattisgarh**

†1620. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets proposed to be constructed by Government in Chhattisgarh, the State/UT-wise details thereof and the current status of its construction;

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(b) the funds allocated by Government to Chhattisgarh and the amount spent during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has received any complaint regarding these construction works, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Allocation of funds under NRDWP**

1621. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects started under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and the sanitation schemes during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period so far, State/UT and year-wise;

(b) the details of allocation made to various States/UTs including Maharashtra and its utilization for such projects during the last two years and the current year, State/UT and year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for timely completion of these projects?

#### **Involvement of NGOs in construction of toilets**

†1622. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Governmental Organisations are also involved in construction of toilet along with the Government;

(b) if so, the names of such NGOs along with the extent of their respective involvement in the toilets constructed so far and the funds released to them so far;

(c) if not, the annual target of toilet construction fixed by Government and the number of toilets likely to be constructed by 2019; and

(d) the expenditure per toilet incurred by Government under the head of toilet construction?

#### **Implementation of SBM in Haryana**

†1623. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of components under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) being implemented in the country;

(b) the status of implementation of the SBM in Haryana as compared to that in other States; and

(c) the details of amount released for Haryana under the SBM in the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

#### **Ocean Observation Systems**

1624. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Ocean Observation Systems set up so far in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to develop further Ocean Observation Systems across the country;

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

(d) whether any funds have been sanctioned for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when they are likely to be developed?

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**Monitoring ocean pollution with automated system**

1625. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) have developed an automated system to monitor ocean pollution; and

(b) if so, the details of the project with respect to costs and timeline?

**Finalisation of Coastal Zone Management Plan**

1626. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised the Coastal Zone Management Plan;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken the views of the State Governments concerned in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which this process is likely to be completed; and

(e) whether the National Green Tribunal has issued any directions to Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Speeding up of projects for environmental clearance**

1627. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details about projects awaiting environmental clearance from the Central Government, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the steps being taken by the Ministry to speed up the process of disposing the applications for environmental clearance?

**Death of tigers in captivity**

1628. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of tigers in captivity in different zoos across the country;

(b) whether such tigers have been decreasing since the last four years, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Association of Indian Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (AIZWV) which has analysed raw data available with the Central Zoo Authority has predicted that over 20 tigers die every year in captivity in zoos across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government to stop the death of tigers in different zoos?

**Development of environmentally sensitive talukas**

†1629. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH  
NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been put up by Governments of Uttar Pradesh and

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Maharashtra for the development of the environmentally sensitive talukas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Central Government has accorded any priority in its approval keeping the environmentally sensitive areas in view; and

(d) if so, the time yet to be taken by the Central Government for according permission to the State Governments?

**National policy on climate change**

1630. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to make a national policy on climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Genetically modified eatable agricultural produce**

1631. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the eatable agricultural produce which are genetically modified and approved by Government to be cultivated in the country;

(b) whether Government has conducted

tests to ensure that they are not affecting the health of the innocent public; and

(c) whether Government is aware that producers of such GM products are making huge profits at the cost of the health of the ordinary citizens?

**Rules under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act**

1632. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rules are yet to be formulated under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016;

(b) if so, the causes for the delay;

(c) the details of consultations which have taken place during the last one year on formulations of the Rules and whether there has been any engagement with civil society organizations on the same; and

(d) whether the Ministry is aware of the assurances made on the floor of the House during passage of the Bill regarding Protection of Forest Rights and whether those assurances would be incorporated in the Rules?

**Lack of funding for projects on Gir lions**

1633. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects for the lions of Gir are stalled due to lack of funding by the Central Government;

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

(c) the details of funds demanded by the State and those released by the Centre under Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats;

(d) whether the Central Government intends to increase the funding for lions of Gir; and

(e) the comparative analysis for the funds released by the Centre during the last five years for the conservation of tigers and lions?

#### **Use of degraded forest land**

1634. 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 Central PSUs are allowed to use degraded forest land upto twice the extent of forest land diverted for non-forest use, whereas State PSUs are required to give equal extent of non-forest land against the required diverted forest land; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal by Government to treat both Central PSUs and PSUs on equal footing for raising Compensatory Afforestation?

#### **Nagar Van Udyan Yojana**

1635. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Nagar Van Udyan Yojana and if so, the details of States/cities covered under this Yojana in the country;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this Yojana so far, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made so far in this regard; and

(d) whether Government has received any complaint regarding misuse of the funds allocated under this Yojana in some of the States and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Extinction of animals and birds**

†1636. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of species of animals and birds in the country are on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take some steps to protect them; and

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

#### **Tree plantation programme**

1637. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to increase the tree plantation programme in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has any plan to promote medicinal plantation in the country; and

(d) the details of the plan and funds provided in Gujarat during the last three years?

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**Development of wetlands for attracting birds**

1638. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to develop more wetlands at conspicuous locations in the country including Maharashtra to increase bird habitats and attract foreign migratory birds in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action Government proposes to take in this regard?

**Pollution and dumping of fly ash and construction debris on the wetlands of Ennore creek**

1639. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the large scale pollution and dumping of fly ash and construction debris on the wetlands of Ennore creek; and

(b) if so, the measures taken/considered to be taken by Government to protect the wetland from pollution and encroachments?

**National adaptation fund for climate change**

1640. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) has been established during 2015-16;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including help rendered under NAFCC in scaling up climate change adaptation interventions, such as financial support sought and sanctioned, State-wise, project-wise and year-wise since 2015-16;

(c) whether any national/international NGOs and private organisations are associated with project preparation and implementation of the above programme; and

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

**Graded Response Action Plan against air pollution in Delhi and NCR**

1641. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Graded Response Action Plan against air pollution in Delhi and NCR did not have a considerable impact;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has evaluated the reasons for the lack of impact of such action and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that lack of data is the biggest challenge in fighting pollution;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry would recommend increasing the number of monitoring stations to 100; and

(e) the details of other measures suggested for controlling air pollution ?

**Green house gas emissions from crops and their residues**

1642. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action to check the emission of green house gas from crops and their residues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of the action taken so far?

**Encroachment of networks of lakes in Bengaluru**

1643. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extensive network of lakes in Bengaluru critical for maintaining environment and water-table is being rampantly encroached, filled up and is a destination for releasing effluents; and

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that these lakes are notified as wetlands as mooted by Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority?

**Noise pollution in Delhi**

†1644. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that National Capital Territory of Delhi is the second most polluted city in the world as regards noise pollution;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that hearing capacity of people is declining due to such pollution;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to make Delhi, noise pollution free; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Avoidance of man-animal conflict**

1645. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IFS officer R.S. Banduria has recommended to Government, regarding rehabilitation of people living in deep forests to people inhabited areas and to keep forests as a contiguous unit;

(b) whether this would be considered to avoid man-animal conflict in certain forest areas by shifting human dwellings in forests out of it; and

(c) whether it would be tried in Wayand forests in Kerala to integrate development of wild life habitats?

**Safe disposal of e-waste**

†1646. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that e-waste in the country is increasing at a fast pace every year;

(b) if so, the details of e-wastes generated during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has any plan for safe disposal of e-wastes and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether Government is aware of the fact that workers involved in disposal of e-wastes are contracting several diseases resulting in their death; and

(e) whether Government has any

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proposal to protect people from such diseases and ensure safe disposal of e-wastes?

#### **Performance of GMHT**

1647. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Genetically Modified Herbicide Tolerant (GMHT) Mustard, normally referred to DMH-II have not outperformed non-GM hybrid varieties in terms of yield;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering any decision on allowing the commercial cultivation of GMHT Mustard; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons behind taking that decision?

#### **Violation of environmental norms in Steel flyover and PRR projects**

1648. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Karnataka has been issuing Environmental clearances and violating norms under EIA 2006 Notification dated the 14 September, 2006, as noticed in the controversial Steel Flyover and Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) projects in Bengaluru; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking to ensure that SEIAA honours its mandate and protect citizens and does not become a rubber stamp for State Government and builders?

#### **Funds allocated to Chhattisgarh under CAMPA**

†1649. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government to Chhattisgarh under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA);

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated to the State during the last five years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any guidelines for monitoring of works carried out using the said funds, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Development of butterfly gardens**

1650. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider developing butterfly gardens in places suitable for this purpose;

(b) whether butterfly parks or gardens already exist in the country; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Effect of Assam floods on Kaziranga National Park**

1651. SHRI ANIL DESAI:  
SHRI RITABRATA  
BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Assam floods have affected the Kaziranga National Park in recent days;

(b) if so, whether fifty animals have died and if so, the details of hog, deer, rhinos and sambar which have perished; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to find long term measures such as better river management, embankments, bridges, buildings and communications structures to control the situation?

**Unavailability of food for carnivorous animals in zoos**

1652. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, due to the unavailability of beef, carnivorous animals in zoos in different parts of the country are facing difficulties in their food consumption;

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

(c) what remedial measures are being adopted to solve the problem?

**Rule to protect crops of farmers from mavericks and wild animals**

†1653. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government would consider adding upon such a rule along

with other provisions/rules in Prevention of Cruelty to animals Act, 2017 for protecting the crops of farmers from mavericks and wild animals;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider to make provision/rules for construction of animal bank under the Act in which mavericks and wild animals that destroy the crops of farmers, can be kept;

(c) the steps being taken by the Ministry to resolve the disputes that arose due to few rules of the said Act; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Growth in mining sector**

1654. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining sector growth rate declined sharply from 10.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2015-16 to 1.5 per cent in January-March period of 2016-17; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Payment of mineral royalty to districts**

1655. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision for paying mineral royalty to districts having minerals has been implemented and whether guidelines have been issued for use of this amount;

(b) how much royalty was earned by Pune District of Maharashtra as per these guidelines; and

(c) if so, the details of the amount provided and the guidelines thereof and the details of the latest status of the usage of the amount provided?

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**Using rooftops of Government building for solar power generation**

‡1656. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider using the rooftops of Government buildings in the country for generation of solar power;

(b) if so, by when Government intends to take a decision on this; and

(c) if not, the problems faced by Government in using the unused rooftops of Government buildings and the details thereof?

**Research, design and development in renewable energy sector**

1657. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to promote research, design and development in the renewable energy sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised for this purpose during the last three years and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken steps to incentivise firms to come up with new technologies in the renewable energy sector and the details thereof?

**Initiatives for propagation and adoption of NRE**

1658. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the new initiatives of the Ministry for increased propagation and adoption of new and renewable energy sources by the masses;

(b) the targets fixed in this regard; and

(c) the subsidies being offered to the users?

**Progress in renewable energy area**

1659. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the country which has made a remarkable progress on renewable energy and the details in this regard; and

(b) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard in the country?

**Establishment of National Institute of New Energy and Innovation in Odisha**

1660. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and progress of establishment of National Institute of New Energy and Innovation in Odisha near IIT, Bhubaneswar; and

(b) whether Government would release assistance for three projects furnished by Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency under MNRE-UNDP-GRF assisted project in scale up of Access to Clean Energy for Rural Productivity Uses?

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**MoUs in the field of renewable energy**

1661. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the MoUs signed by the Ministry with various countries in the field of renewable energy during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has initiated the process to strengthen off-grid clean energy, if so, the details thereof and the location of the unit thereof;

(c) the role played by 'PEACE' (Promoting Energy Access through Clean Energy) Agreement for development of off-grid clean energy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for the development of off-grid clean energy and if so, the details thereof?

**Renewable energy from wastes in major cities**

†1662. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an averages 300-400 gram waste is generated per person daily in major cities including Metro Cities out of which most of waste is bio waste and this waste can be used to generate eco-friendly and renewable energy like bio gas (methane) which can be used to light about 6,50,000 houses; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to generate power from waste, State-wise?

**Progress of projects under JNNSM**

1663. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the projects that are in progress under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Power Mission (JNNSM) in the country;

(b) the Budget allocation to JNNSM for the year 2014-15;

(c) the number of these Solar Mission Projects of Odisha; and

(d) by when, these projects are projected to be complete?

**Implementation of e-panchayat mission mode project**

1664. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether e-panchayat mission mode project is being implemented throughout the country;

(b) the status of implementation of each component of the scheme, State-wise;

(c) the details of computerization, use of Panchayat enterprise suite, internet connectivity, dedicated website for information to the general public etc., in Manipur for each panchayat, district-wise;

(d) the details of funds released and utilized for the above items from the Ministry since the inception of the project, item-wise and year-wise; and

(e) whether the Ministry carried out any physical inspection on the above matters or contemplates to do so, the details thereof?

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**Financial empowerment of Panchayati Raj**

†1665. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary steps have been taken towards financial empowerment of Panchayati Raj and for making functioning of Panchayats more effective during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate steps have been taken to enhance the participation and involvement of women in the Panchayat development schemes during the last three years leading to affirmative results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Training to Women Sarpanchs**

1666. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started a programme to train the Women Sarpanchs throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the centres where these Sarpanchs are being trained and how many Sarpanchs were covered so far and how many are to be covered under this programme?

**Identification of high energy consuming industries**

1667. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified

high energy consuming industries in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has put any norms in place to restrict the consumption of energy by these industries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said criteria is being followed by all the industries;

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

(f) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the mandatory energy consumption norms are followed by industries?

**Agitation against land acquisition by NTPC**

1668. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been agitations in north-central Jharkhand over land acquisition by NTPC;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to address the genuine demands of the agitators;

(c) the total number of people who have lost their lives during the course of these agitations; and

(d) the compensation, if any paid to the families?

**Formula for power sharing**

1669. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised the formula for power sharing between the

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Centre and the States to provide maximum share to the power producing States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the power sharing pattern currently adopted in various Central power plants in Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether Government has allocated the State Governments, maximum share of power generated from the Central power plants in the respective States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and in particular regarding Tamil Nadu?

**Use of pollution abatement technology in thermal power plants**

1670. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had formulated regulations in 2015 for installation of pollution abatement technology in the rural power plants which will come into force from December, 2017;

(b) if so, whether all thermal power plants have put in place this technology;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and steps taken by Ministry to ensure their compliance;

(d) whether Central Electrical Authority has granted a reprieve of 2-3 years to more than 300 thermal power plants to put in place this technology; and

(e) if so, the details of such plants, total pollution caused by them and reasons for granting reprieve?

**Revival of stressed private power generation and distribution entities**

1671. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of stressed assets in power generation and distribution sector and the share of private and public sector entities therein;

(b) whether the Public Sector Enterprises in power generation are in the process of rescuing debt-ridden private entities and if so, the number of such private companies along with their debt to be rescued and the duration therefor; and

(c) by when Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of public sector banks in relation to those debt-ridden companies would be recovered?

**Setback for private power plants without buying agreements**

1672. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is setback to private sector power plants without long term buying agreements with Government or power distributors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

**Distribution perspective plan**

1673. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to prepare a new long-term distribution perspective plan;

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

(c) whether Government has consulted all stakeholders in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of views expressed



by these stakeholders particularly by State Governments in this regard; and

(e) by when the plan is likely to be prepared?

**Guidelines for cross border trade of electricity**

1674. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued guidelines to facilitate cross border trade of electricity;

(b) whether the appropriate regulations framed by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission will be binding on all participating entities;

(c) whether, at present, cross border trade of electricity takes place with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal; and

(d) whether a study by the United States Agency of International Development has estimated that the annual cross border electricity trade potential in the region to be 11-31 billion units in 2015-2020, which could rise to 330 billion units by 2034?

**Electrification of villages**

1675. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages in the country are yet to be electrified and if so, the number of villages covered along with those yet to be covered, State-wise;

(b) the details of villages proposed to be covered during the current five year plan; and

(c) by when all villages are proposed to be covered and the action taken by Government to achieve the target?

**R&D in energy transmission**

1676. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any Research and Development (R&D) activities in the field of energy transmission to use equipment made of such materials which can minimise dissipation of energy during transmission, transformation, sub-transmission and distribution of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Hydro-power generation by NHPC**

1677. SHRI SAMBHAJI  
CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of additional power National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) is likely to generate by 2019;

(b) whether a number of hydro-power generation projects are running behind schedule adding on their projected estimates;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time for completion and commissioning, cost escalation and the causes of delay in execution in each case; and

(d) the steps Government has taken or plans to take for expeditious commissioning of pending projects?

**Highway projects in North Karnataka**

1678. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of highway works in progress in North Karnataka along with the details of their cost and completion period; and

(b) the details of future proposals of the Ministry along with their cost by when the work is going to start?

**Dangers posed by speed breakers**

1679. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether speed breakers in the country claim more lives than all road accidents in Australia and United Kingdom put together;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether faulty design, poor material and lack of prominent markings make these speed breakers dangerous for road users;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this direction;

(e) whether States have been instructed to ensure proper norms and designation locations for building speed breakers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**National Highways in Assam**

1680. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number, names and length, in kilometers, of National Highways in Assam;

(b) whether these National Highways are likely to be made four and six lane;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) what is the current status of these projects; and

(f) by when these projects are likely to start?

**BBIN Motor Vehicle Agreement**

1681. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of Road TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhutan has backed out of the Bhutan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to go ahead with the project without Bhutan?

**Status of Eastern Peripheral Expressway**

1682. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has completed the Eastern Peripheral Expressway for ensuring better and fast connectivity near Delhi/NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the companies whose work is delayed so far and corrective measures taken, if any?

**Companies involved in construction of highways**

1683. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any big projects in the country to international companies including the China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC);

(b) if so, the details of projects given during the last three years and their respective costs;

(c) whether Government has given any road/bridge construction projects to CPSUs and private companies during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with their current status and cost?

**Funds for maintenance of National Highways**

1684. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether funds were provided for maintenance of National Highways in West Bengal, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh from 2014 to 2017;

(b) if so, the details of funds provided, year-wise;

(c) the amount spent out of the funds provided; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not providing the funds?

**Bharatmala Pariyojana**

1685. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of roads to be constructed in States to connect borders and ports under Bharatmala Pariyojana;

(b) the details of the total allocation/estimate and year-wise allocation for the same;

(c) the length of highways constructed under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) proposed to be revamped under Bharatmala Pariyojana; and

(d) the details of steps for synchronization between Bharatmala and Setu Bharatam projects to construct/reconstruct bridges over and below railway lines, along with the number of bridges to be constructed/reconstructed under both the projects, State-wise?

**Trees cut for widening of National Highways**

†1686. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees cut for widening of various National Highways in the country since 2014-15 till date;

(b) whether the section design prepared by the Ministry for widening of roads does not provide land for planting shade trees along the roads; and

(c) the details of locations where tree plantation work has been carried out to compensate for the trees cut down for widening of highways?

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**Conversion of routes into expressways**

1687. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has any plans of converting certain routes into expressways in the near future;

(b) if so, the details of such routes and by when these will be converted into expressways;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give priority to those routes which attract a large number of domestic and international tourists and pilgrims; and

(d) if so, by when the Minister proposes to identify and start work in this regard?

**Issuing driving licences**

†1688. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the business of making driving licences is thriving in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps to curb the same; and

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

**Six laning of Dhilwan-Jalandhar section of NH**

1689. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for speedy progress of construction work of six laning of Dhilwan-Jalandhar section of National Highways and the tentative date when this project will be completed;

(b) whether Government is planning to extend the Dhilwan-Jalandhar six laning project from Amritsar to Attari; and

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

**Findings of survey of NH bridges**

1690. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the findings of the first ever survey on the health of bridges on National Highways launched last year, is now available with Government;

(b) whether, according to the findings, 23 National Highway bridges and tunnels are 100 years old and need major repair and maintenance;

(c) whether the findings list around 6,000 other bridges classified as safety hazards, many of them fit for demolition; and

(d) whether the body overseeing the work on bridges and tunnels, Indian Bridge Management System, is keeping a close watch on the movements of over-dimensional vehicles (multi-axle) carrying power generation/construction equipment over bridges classified as distressed?

**Funds for development of highways**

†1691. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount approved and released each year for development and maintenance of highways from 2014-15 to 2017-18 to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh along with their length, highway-wise; and

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(b) the policy and implementation procedure to convert/upgrade the State highways into new National Highways during the above mentioned period, year-wise and State-wise?

#### **Widening of NH 24**

1692. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to fulfilling the December, 2018 deadline of the Prime Minister for widening of NH-24;

(b) if so, the status of progress of work done so far and the deadline set for its completion;

(c) whether all hurdles concerning U.P. Border to Dasna stretch have been cleared;

(d) whether contractor for this stretch has been finalized and work order awarded; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when the work for widening of U.P. Border to Dasna stretch of NH-24 will begin and what is the deadline set for completion of this stretch?

#### **Hike in fees for driving licences**

1693. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has hiked the fees for issuing driving licences by five times from ₹ 40 to ₹ 200 and taking a driving test will also cost upto six times more than the earlier charge of ₹ 50;

(b) whether charges will be higher, if the driving licence is a smart card and where State Governments have gone for

automation and are using technology to carry out driving tests, and examination of vehicle fitness; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Registration of vehicles on the basis of parking space availability**

1694. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to allow registration of vehicles in metropolitan cities only on production of certificates showing availability of parking space;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to bring necessary legislation to make traffic smooth in cities?

#### **Safety audit of bridges**

†1695. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had conducted safety audit of 1,60,186 bridges across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when this audit was completed;

(c) the number of bridges out of them which need immediate replacement with the new bridges;

(d) whether Government has prepared a priority list of the bridges to be reconstructed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Completion of road network**

1696. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether road network in the country needs to be completed on priority;

(b) whether Government proposes to complete road network in entire Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the target for completion of the road network in the country in general and Rajasthan in particular?

**Development of Greenfield Economic Corridors**

1697. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any major programme of Government to create Greenfield Economic Corridors to connect ports, backward areas and major towns and cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the facilities proposed to be created along these corridors which will create employment for the people; and

(d) the time-frame targeted for completion of the programme?

**Payment of bribes to NHAI officials**

1698. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a US based firm paid

millions of dollars as bribe to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials to receive contracts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action initiated in this regard?

**Maintenance of old bridges and tunnels on NHs**

1699. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR:

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey of bridges and tunnels on National Highways which are over hundred years old and need immediate major maintenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government for proper maintenance of these bridges; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

**Landslides due to improper work on Parwanoo-Solan stretch of NH-22**

1700. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private company engaged in four-laning the Parwanoo-Solan stretch of National Highways (NH)-22 has failed to raise breast walls of adequate length on the excavated hills and the exposed hills have become vulnerable to landslides;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the onset of the rainy season has led to several such landslides all along the excavated stretched of this NH and the commuters travelling on this road are fearful as the situation could worsen in the days to come; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to address the situation?

#### **Delay in NH works**

1701. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government has reviewed the status of the ongoing works of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the details of the States in which National Highways' work is lagging behind along with the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of the National Highways which are getting delayed due to land acquisition and environment clearances, particularly in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

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

#### **Non-compliance with safety standards by automobiles**

1702. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the automobiles being used in the country are not as per the standards fixed for safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken thereon;

(c) whether Government has fixed any responsibility in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Utilisation of funds for road projects in Punjab**

1703. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for the utilisation of ₹12,990 crore sanctioned for construction of 1,871 km. roads in Punjab;

(b) the measures taken by Government for the utilisation of ₹1,420 crore sanctioned for the construction of the roads measuring 150 km. in district Amritsar; and

(c) the details of National Highways projects sanctioned in Punjab for the year 2017-18?

#### **Proposal for conversion of Bengaluru-Mysuru highway as NH**

1704. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved the Karnataka Government's ₹ 3,000 crore proposal to convert Bengaluru-Mysuru highway into a six-lane National Highway;

(b) whether the funds have been provided adequately for acquisition, construction and shifting utilities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Minister is aware of the

fact that traffic on this highway is moving bumper-to-bumper due to bad roads;

(d) if so, by when the Minister proposes to complete the project to do away with the menace of traffic congestion on this highway; and

(e) what is the present status of the project?

#### **App-based monitoring of construction of PMGSY roads**

1705. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed any new App-based monitoring mechanism regarding the construction of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the funding pattern and organisational set up for the aforesaid mechanism?

#### **Migration of people from rural areas**

1706. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has commissioned studies to examine distress and migration of people from rural areas towards cities and inter-State migration;

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

(c) whether any special steps are being taken by Government to check distress migration and its social, economic and

political consequences and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Beneficiaries of SGSY scheme**

†1707. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has been able to provide continuous employment to the youth living Below Poverty Line;

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

(c) the number of the beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise; and

(d) whether any type of training is also being imparted under the above scheme and if so, the details thereof?

#### **New programme for land records**

1708. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any new programme for strengthening revenue administration, updating of land records and survey/re-survey of land in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether proposals from State Governments have been received by Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the assistance provided to various States under the said programme since its inception, State-wise?

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**Coverage of PMGSY in West Bengal**

1709. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has connected all villages under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if not, the details thereof and the number of villages not connected in West Bengal, district-wise;

(c) the number of roads constructed and those which are still under construction in the State during the last two years and the audit mechanism therefor;

(d) the number of villages in the State which are to be connected with roads in the coming two years, district-wise; and

(e) whether Government has stipulated any time-limit and quality standards for construction of all kinds of roads by contractors and if so, the details thereof?

**Village connectivity through roads under PMGSY**

†1710. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to connect all the villages through the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) by when the work for connecting all villages in Bihar under PMGSY would be completed; and

(c) the details of incomplete road construction works under PMGSY in Samastipur?

**Funds for rural development schemes in Kerala**

1711. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and utilised for various developmental schemes under the Ministry in Kerala during each of the last three years; and

(b) the names of schemes likely to be completed by 2017-18?

**Rate of wages under MGNREGA**

1712. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge discrepancy between wages paid under MGNREGA and the minimum wages in States;

(b) if so, whether there have been demands to link MGNREGA and minimum wages to the Consumer Price Index;

(c) whether the Mahendra Dev Committee also recommended for change in the methodology; and

(d) the reasons for constituting another Group of Secretaries to re-examine the matter?

**PMGSY projects in North Eastern States**

1713. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated in the North Eastern States under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

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(b) whether Tripura Government has submitted any proposal for development and improvement of rural roads in the State under PMGSY; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when Government would approve the proposal?

**Job cards to deprived households**

1714. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all gram panchayats have been asked to ensure that deprived households are issued job cards so that they are encouraged to seek work under MGNREGA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is providing special attention to 2,569 poorest blocks, as identified by the erstwhile Plan Panel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Electrification of villages selected under SAGY**

†1715. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages electrified, so far, out of those selected under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) the plans for providing electricity to these villages in case these are yet to be electrified; and

(c) whether any target and timeline has

been fixed for providing electricity to every home in these villages?

**Release of PMGSY funds**

1716. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the stages of construction at which funds are released under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise;

(b) whether Government intends to make this uniform for all States; and

(c) the number of instances, where an installment has not been released even though the stage of construction has been completed?

**Improvement in payment of MGNREGA wages**

1717. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the Supreme Court's directions on delayed payments under MGNREGA, at a time when the farmers were reeling under drought conditions during April-June 2016, Government managed to timely make 86 per cent payments under MGNREGA during April-June, 2017;

(b) whether Government has released ₹ 23,443 crore which is half of the budgetary allocation in April, 2017 itself to ensure smooth flow of funds and to avoid delays; and

(c) whether 99 per cent payments were made through electronic financial

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management channels for faster transfer to bank accounts of the beneficiaries?

**Compensation for delay in payment of wages under MGNREGA**

1718. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for payment of compensation to workers under MGNREGA in case of delay in payment of wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the details of compensation paid to job cardholders during last three years and the current year, so far, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government has recently amended the said provision and thereby systematically less compensation is being calculated and paid to workers; and

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

**Poverty alleviation schemes in Odisha**

1719. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes being implemented for poverty alleviation in Odisha;

(b) the amount allocated to the State under the said schemes along with the details of amount utilised;

(c) whether Government has reviewed or is monitoring the implementation of the said schemes in the State; and

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

**Release of funds to Andhra Pradesh under MGNREGA**

1720. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ₹ 3,200 crore dues are yet to be received by Andhra Pradesh Government from the Ministry under MGNREGA;

(b) the reasons for slow release of funds by the Ministry under MGNREGA;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that due to delay in release of funds, the Andhra Pradesh Government is finding it difficult to implement MGNREGA in the State and many times it has to pay wages from its coffers; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry will rectify this situation?

**Construction of roads under PMGSY in Uttarakhand**

1721. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is very slow in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the roads constructed under PMGSY in the State during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the details of roads under PMGSY which have remained incomplete in the State even after a lapse of considerable period of time and steps taken to complete them expeditiously?

**Inclusion of villages in Villupuram,  
Tamil Nadu under SPMRM**

1722. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not identified any cluster of villages in Villupuram district in Tamil Nadu under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to include cluster of villages in that district under SPMRM in the future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of PMRDFs**

1723. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows (PMRDFs) scheme in various States/UTs in the country including Karnataka;

(b) the details of grants provided by Government during the last three years and the current year thereunder, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to change the existing criteria/procedure with a view to increase the number of the fellows/experts under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**Delay in FTOs under MGNREGA**

1724. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to delay in issue of Fund Transfer Orders (FTOs) by Government to several States, implementation of schemes under (MGNREGA) has been affected during March-June this year;

(b) if so, the details of monthly claims during the said period and the disbursement of funds, State-wise; and

(c) the details of loss report received from the State Governments due to such repeated irregularities in processing of FTOs?

**Rural development schemes in tribal areas of Maharashtra**

†1725. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various rural development schemes being implemented in various tribal areas of Maharashtra by the Central Government and the funds allocated therefor, scheme-wise;

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

(c) whether Government has decided to construct roads and other infrastructural facilities in the said areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Progress of PMGSY**

1726. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of construction of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak

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Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) whether construction of roads under PMGSY has been very slow in some States as compared to other States and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Impact of MGNREGA on rural poverty**

†1727. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether poverty among rural population has declined after the initiation of MGNREGA and their financial condition has improved;

(b) if so, the details of the manner in which improvement has taken place; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **PMGSY projects in Himachal Pradesh**

1728. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 4,036.154 km of road length is on-going/pending under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Himachal Pradesh;

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

(c) the time stipulated for construction of the on-going/pending road length, road-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to complete the on-going/pending road length, road length construction in the State within stipulated time?

#### **Inventions and discoveries in Science and Technology**

†1729. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the key inventions/discoveries made in the field of science and technology during the last three years and the details thereof along with the cost incurred;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian scientists are dependent on foreign technology due to inadequacy of technology, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which 'Make in India' has helped provide technique and technology to the scientists, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry does not allocate separate budget to the States, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

#### **GM crops cultivation**

1730. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the GM crops for which cultivation has been permitted by the Central Government;

(b) whether Government has set up any panel for examining safety aspects of genetically modified crops and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering allowing cultivation of more GM crops, especially food crops and if so, the details thereof along with the basis for such decisions?

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**India's global standing in innovation**

‡1731. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's global standing, in terms of innovation in the field of technology has so far remained inferior as compared to developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate steps have been taken by the Central Government towards promotion of technological innovation during the last three years and expected results have been achieved resulting in improvement in the country's ranking at global level in the field of innovation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cargo handling facilities in Odisha ports**

1732. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Odisha Government has urged the Ministry to suitably enhance cargo handling facilities in the existing ports of Odisha so that the transportation cost of major goods like coal can be reduced; and

(b) if so, the action Government proposes to take in this regard?

**Cyber Attack on Mumbai Port Computer Network**

1733. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Petya Malware Cyber Attack has taken place

recently on Mumbai Port terminal computer units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of the affect of the Malware; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government to ward off such cyber attacks in future, the details thereof?

**Privatisation of cargo berths at Chennai port**

1734. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to further privatise cargo berths at Chennai port;

(b) if so, which berths are being considered by Government; and

(c) whether the stakeholder and Tamil Nadu Government has been consulted before privatisation?

**Dredging of Brahmaputra river**

1735. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government and the Assam Government had signed an agreement for dredging the Brahmaputra river;

(b) if so, whether any technical feasibility survey was conducted before the signing of the agreement; and

(c) the total estimated project cost of dredging Brahmaputra river?

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### **Port Development Projects**

1736. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of various port development projects, year-wise and State-wise, including those in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any delay in the development of ports;

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

(d) the details of ports in the country where upgradation and expansion works are not being carried out, as per plans, along with the reasons therefor, including, Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to have effective implementation of all such projects?

### **Coal handling capacity at Kamarajar port**

1737. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kamarajar port has decided to construct coal berths for increasing coal handling capacity;

(b) if so, the cost and schedule of construction, number of coal berths, and other details thereof; and

(c) details of the total coal handling capacity per annum in the port and the quantum of coal handled during the last two years and during the current year?

### **Investment agreements for port connectivity**

1738. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed investment agreements for logistic support towards port connectivity;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and the present status thereof; and

(c) the status of the coastal road projects of the country?

### **Construction of a major port at Dugarajapatnam**

1739. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of a major port at Dugarajapatnam is pending due to lack of interest on the part of Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) why the work of the project has not commenced though the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act mandates the completion of 1st Phase of the port by 2018?

### **Privatisation of DCIL**

1740. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to privatise Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. (DCIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

**Identification of ship repairing facilities at ports**

1741. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified locations for refurbishing the ship repairing facilities in various ports across the country;

(b) if so, the details of ports which have been identified;

(c) details of the proposals for cruise shipping maintenance and the new route proposals therein; and

(d) the proposals of Government to develop the Inland Waterways Authority of India, therefor?

**Ferry fleets and ghats under Inland Water Transport of India**

1742. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ferry ghats on the rivers of India;

(b) the number of ferry fleets under Inland Water Transport of India;

(c) the infrastructure facility to improve the ferry ghats; and

(d) the steps being taken to replace the poor and outdated vessels and the ferries?

**Project report of interlinking of rivers**

1743. 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 the Detailed Project Report of interlinking of various rivers across the country;

(b) if so, the present status of the report's implementation; and

(c) by when the interlinking of rivers is likely to be completed?

**R&R sites of Sardar Sarovar Project**

1744. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families affected by Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP), who are still residing in the submergence area, spread over 214 kilometres, as on date; and

(b) number of SSP affected families residing below water levels with 139 metres dam height (after construction completion) and with gates closed, are yet to build their houses at the 88 SSP Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) sites in Madhya Pradesh?

**Demarcation of protected/prohibited areas along river Ganga**

1745. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no demarcation of protected/prohibited areas along Ganga river on the lines of Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether demarcation can be done for protecting river Ganga?



**Construction of artificial recharge structures for ground water**

1746. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to create artificial recharge structures like percolation tanks, check dams, nala bunds, gully plugs and gabion structures, in various parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that provision to arrest ground water flow through ground water dams has also been suggested for some States;

(c) whether the master plan envisages construction of about 1.11 crore artificial recharge structures in urban and rural areas at an estimated cost of about ₹ 79,178 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revised budget allocation for NGP**

1747. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than 20 per cent of allocated budget for Namami Gange Project (NGP) has been utilized till now;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to revise budget allocation or implementation of the NGP?

**Plan for artificial recharge of ground water**

1748. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN:  
SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had come out with a master plan for artificial recharge of ground water way back in 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have failed to implement the said master plan;

(d) whether the extraction of water in those areas had not been regulated effectively, which has led to serious decline in the ground water levels in many parts of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Sharing of Krishna river water**

1749. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Krishna River Board Tribunal has sought details of the Krishna river water utilisation by the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, along with the details of the projects being carried out on the banks of Krishna river;

(b) if so, the details and the status thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to reconstitute the Krishna River Board, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan chalked out by Government in resolving the sharing of Krishna river water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

**Assessment of sustainable level of water extraction**

1750. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken up aquifer mapping exercise in priority areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the mapping will assist States in estimating quantity and quality of ground water in an aquifer and would help it in assessment of sustainable level of water extraction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Utilization of Narmada water by each States**

†1751. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the water storage capacity and electricity generation capacity of each of the dams constructed on the Narmada river;

(b) the date on which, the authority would declare the quantity of water in the Narmada river; and

(c) the quantity of water received and utilised by each State and the action plan for utilisation of water?

**Implementation of AIBP**

1752. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of implementation of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) in the country;

(b) whether Government has noticed any shortcomings in the implementation of the AIBP;

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

(d) whether Government proposes to make changes in this programme to check these shortcomings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and time by which the changes will take place?

**Shifting of industrial units from banks of Ganga river**

1753. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial units which are located on the banks of Ganga will be shifted to other places, in order to ensure a clean Ganga;

(b) if so, whether the frame work of this plan has been finalised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of sewage treatment facilities to clean Ganga**

1754. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved works, worth ₹ 1,900 crore for setting up of sewage treatment facilities in many parts of the country, to clean the Ganga river;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with the approval of these projects 100 per cent sewage treatment facility would be made available at Haridwar, Rishikesh, Vrindavan, Varanasi, Allahabad and NCT of Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**MoU between India and Israel on clean water technology**

1755. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether any cooperation agreement or MoU has been signed during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Israel for water conservation, waste water treatment, desalination and cleaning of the Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by what time and at which places these facilities would be set up in the country; and

(d) the sites which have been selected for desalination in the coastal areas in the country, with details thereof?

**Amount spent for making Ganga and Yamuna pollution free**

†1756. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) the amount spent during the last three years for making Ganga and Yamuna pollution free;

(b) the part of Ganga and Yamuna river that have been made pollution free during the last three years;

(c) the deadline set for making the entire stretch of Ganga and Yamuna rivers completely pollution free; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Clubbing of irrigation projects with CADWM programme**

1757. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to expand the Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) by covering eight other minor irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Utilization of flood water in water scarce areas**

†1758. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

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(a) the steps taken by Government to check the flood water flowing into sea through rivers and rivulets in some States in the country, every year and to utilise it in the States/places having less availability of water;

(b) the details of achievements of rain water harvesting during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to utilise the rain water throughout the year?

**Sharing of Mahanadi water between Odisha and Chhattisgarh**

1759. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaint from Odisha Government about the dispute on sharing of Mahanadi water with Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, the details of the dispute and action taken to resolve it?

**Sewage treatment plants under NGP**

1760. SHRI K .T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the total capacity in million litres per day (MLD) of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) proposed to be set up and the actual capacity installed under the Namami Gange Programme?

NEW DELHI;  
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