

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; 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

Coal sales by CIL

1. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited (CIL) has been able to sale its stock of coal due to lowering of the coal sales tax;

(b) if so, sale details of CIL for last 10 quarters and the sale during GST applicable regime therefor;

(c) the coal import prices during the last 15 days and the prices expected for next one year therein; and

(d) the reports from the thermal power companies and steel companies on the utilization of Indian coal output thereof?

Water contamination due to mining activities in Sattari region of Goa

2. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been undertaken to alleviate pollution, water contamination and toxic run off caused due to mining activities in the Sattari region of Goa;

(b) if so, the measures undertaken and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation to land oustees of coal PSUs

3. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of land acquired by coal PSUs and compensation paid to the land oustees during the last three years, year-wise, PSUs-wise; and

(b) whether any unattended complaints/grievances have been received regarding compensation/employment reported in coal Public Sector Undertakings and if so, the details thereof during the above period, company-wise?

Provision of facilities by SECL at Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

4. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided by South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) to the local people and workers in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand; and

(b) the details of the development works done under CSR and other heads in various districts of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand during each of the last three years and the current year?

Check on illegal activities in coal mines

5. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of illegal mining, hoarding, theft and blackmarketing of coal have been reported from various coal mines in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the details of any assessment of steps already taken by Government to check such activities?

Skill development in coal sector

6. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched/proposes to launch any specific scheme regarding skill development in the coal sector particularly in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the funds allocated from the head other administrative expenses for the purpose of providing training in the coal sector have been utilized; and

(c) whether any funds meant for training have remained unutilized and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Inspection of coal sale through e-tendering

†7. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grades of 177 mines out of 386 mines of CIL have been downgraded in comparison to declared grades in year 2016-17;

(b) whether the coal of various mines is sold in connivance with coal contractors by showing them as downgraded out of the coal being sold by mines through e-tendering due to which Ministry is facing heavy income losses; and

(c) the number of surprise inspections carried out by various agencies during last three years for testing the grade of coal being sold through e-tendering and the agency-wise details of the test reports thereof?

Policy for development/disinvestment of coal PSUs

8. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any new policies for overall development of Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.;

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(b) if so, details thereof and performance profit/loss of the companies for the years 2014-15, 2015 -16 and to till date;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any strategy to disinvest Governments shares in certain loss making coal PSUs and also acquire certain PSUs by profit making PSUs;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) MoU signed with foreign countries, foreign coal companies during last three years and its impact on supply and demand of coal in India?

Capping on allocation of coal blocks

9. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering capping the amount of coal blocks that a company can hold;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government may also specify the maximum number of coal blocks or amount for coal reserves or both that may be allocated to a company or corporation or its subsidiary or associate companies;

(c) whether Government may constitute a committee consisting of a Joint Secretary in the Ministry as Chairperson and Members from various Ministries for assessing eligibility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation for land subsidence at Jharia coalfields

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has

been a spate of cases involving subsidence in and around Jharia coalfields due to underground fire;

(b) amount of loss in terms of fatalities during the last three years; and

(c) the details of compensation paid to those affected may be indicated?

Implications on coal based thermal plants

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

(a) the number of coal based thermal units that have been sanctioned during the last three years across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a major thrust on solar power, which will have serious implications on coal based thermal plants; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has taken stock of the long term implications of the shift away from coal based power units in terms of coal production, local employment and the effect on the associated service sector?

Arsenic and Fluoride affected habitations in the country

12. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 2,000 arsenic and 12,000 Fluoride affected habitations in the country having poor water quality;

(b) if so, how many of those habitations are in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the water quality problem in those districts of the State?

Provision of clean drinking water to all households

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

(a) whether Government is committed to provide clean drinking water to all households in certain time-frame, the details thereof;

(b) percentage of urban and rural households who are connected to clean drinking water facilities; and

(c) data of the increase in percentage of urban and rural households connected to clean drinking water facilities during the last three years, year-wise?

Allocation of SBM funds for religious and tourist places in Uttar Pradesh

14. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether religious and tourist places have been given any special attention under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of work carried out by Government in religious and tourist places of the State;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the funds allocated for cities like Agra, Varanasi, Allahabad and Mathura etc., for the purpose?

Water contamination in Rajasthan

†15. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks affected by the

presence of Fluoride, Nitrate and due to salinity of ground water in the State of Rajasthan, the details thereof;

(b) the schemes formulated by the Central Government for making available safe potable water at the places in the blocks affected by Fluoride, Nitrate, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Rajasthan Government has requested for financial help from Government for providing safe drinking water in these blocks and if so, the details thereof?

Funds received for Swachh Bharat Kosh under CSR

16. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) details of amount of donations received in the Swachh Bharat Kosh so far, alongwith details for individual donations and donations under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), year-wise;

(b) for what activities can the funds received under the Kosh be spent on;

(c) the detailed analysis of funds spent from the Kosh so far, year-wise, activity-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the detailed analysis of assets created through the Kosh so far, year-wise and State-wise?

Provision of tap drinking water for every household

17. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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had announced to provide drinking water facility through tap in every household of the country;

(b) by when does Government proposes to achieve this target; and

(c) how far Government has accomplished its target and details of the households who have been provided and are yet to be provided with drinking tap water, State-wise?

Implementation of SBM in Karnataka

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

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

(b) the status of implementation of SBM in Karnataka;

(c) the status of implementation of SBM in Karnataka as compared to other States; and

(d) the details of funds released under SBM for Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

Allocation of funds under NRDWP in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) the details of the targets fixed and achieved under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in Chhattisgarh and other States during each of the last three years and this year;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and disbursed under NRDWP to Chhattisgarh

during the said period; and

(c) whether Government has done any review regarding utilisation of funds issued and if so, the details thereof and appropriate steps being taken by Government to deal with the financial irregularities in implementation of NRDWP?

Provision of safe drinking water in Arsenic/Fluoride affected habitations

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

(a) whether Government has earmarked any special funds for providing safe drinking water in Arsenic and Fluoride affected habitations in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of habitations affected with Arsenic and Fluoride, State-wise, particularly in Telangana State; and

(c) the funds released to Telangana State for providing immediate solution to these habitations?

Fluoride contamination in States

21. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has directed the States to submit their proposals for tackling the Fluoride problems in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of States followed the directions of Government; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to eradicate Fluoride problems in the States?

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Water contamination in rural areas

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the water quality in most of the rural areas is of worst quality and rural population is forced to drink water contaminated with Fluoride, Iron, Arsenic, Salinity, Nitrate and Heavy metals;

(b) if so, the details of initiatives taken by Government to tackle the problem of contamination of drinking water sources; and

(c) the measures taken to provide adequate safe water for drinking, cooking and other domestic basic needs on a sustainable basis to every person?

Norms for provision of rural water supply

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

(a) whether Government has fixed the minimum norm for providing drinking water in rural areas at 40 litres per capita per day (LPCD) to meet the needs of drinking, cooking, bathing, washing utensils and ablution, based on basic minimum needs;

(b) whether it is a fact that 3,21,098 rural habitations are not getting the prescribed 40 LPCD safe drinking water; and

(c) if so, measures taken to provide prescribed 40 LPCD safe drinking water to 3,21,098 rural habitations in a time bound manner?

Open defecation free districts

24. 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 closely monitoring 70 districts which are the poorest performers in the country as regards conversion to open defecation free districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is hopeful that 80 more districts could go open defecation free by March this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Open defecation in rural areas

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the construction of toilets, the rural population is unable to change its habit of open defecation even today;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the steps being taken by Government to make them aware; and

(c) if not, whether all the constructed toilets are being used?

Drinking water problem at Nalgonda

26. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many villages in Nalgonda district

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(Telangana) have been suffering from drinking water problem; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken/proposed to mitigate hardships to people of the area?

Funds under Swachh Bharat Mission

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

(a) the details of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) programmes being carried out in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) the details of the funds released for construction of toilets in the State under SBM;

(c) whether Jharkhand Government has requested the Central Government to release the balance grants for early construction of toilets in the State; and

(d) the details thereof?

Providing adequate water for domestic use

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

(a) whether the Central Government is working on the schemes with the target of providing adequate water to every villager for drinking, cooking, other domestic requirements and for cattle in all circumstances including flood and drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is working on any scheme named *Har Ghar Jal* in which a fixed time-limit has been fixed in order to achieve the target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cleanliness norms fixed under SBM (G)

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

(a) whether there is cleanliness norms fixed under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) in the rural areas of the country;

(b) whether there is a significant change in the awareness towards cleanliness in the rural areas of the country after commencement of SBM-G and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some challenges have been faced in the implementation of SBM-G in the rural areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to resolve these challenges?

Special assistance to Rajasthan under NRDWP

30. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to all States under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) as special assistance for rural areas, in particular to Rajasthan State;

(b) whether Government has received proposals from Rajasthan Government to provide special assistance during the last three years under NRDWP scheme;

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- (c) if so, the action taken thereon; and
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Open defecation free States

31. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that only a few States have become open defecation free States in the country;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government to make all the States in the country open defecation free States in the country?

World Bank funding for piped water supply in Odisha

32. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of Fluoride affected habitations of Nuapada district of Odisha;
 (b) whether there is any special programme/scheme to tackle the situation;
 (c) whether the Ministry is considering funding under World Bank to implement Regional Piped Water Supply Schemes in Odisha; and
 (d) whether the Ministry is planning to stop installation of hand pump tube well to give more emphasis on Piped Water Supply in Odisha?

Water ATMs to tackle lack of access to safe water

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that more than 7 crore people do not have access to clean drinking water;
 (b) whether Government is also aware of successful water ATMs initiative started by the West Bengal Government and if so, whether Government has any plans to replicate the same nationwide; and
 (c) the details of funds allocated and spent during the last three years, State-wise, towards initiatives to bring greater access of clean drinking water to people in the country?

Conversion of sea water into drinking water

34. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to convert sea water into drinking water in the country;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) any other projects for non-conventional method of producing drinking water; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

Weather forecasting by IMD

35. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether presently weather forecast

is being provided by the IMD at district level through daily updates;

(b) whether, to address the issues of variations in weather pattern within a district, Government has launched localised forecasting at block level on experimental basis; and

(c) whether the IMD had launched special service titled "Nowcast" providing farmers with alerts through SMS on thunderstorm, squall, hailstorm, cyclone, etc.?

Weather forecast system

36. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether monsoon prediction and weather forecast system in the country is full proof and up to the mark and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the initiatives taken to improve monsoon prediction and weather forecast during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Government is taking assistance of foreign countries for accurate forecast and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of monsoon and weather forecast centres working in the country and the benefits accrued to general public and farmers by these centres during that period?

Upgradation of inspection expertise of CPCB

37. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand that

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) upgrade its level of expertise in making on-site inspection with regard to controlling pollution;

(b) whether it is a fact that complaints regarding very low quality reports are submitted by such inspectors;

(c) whether such reports have been frequently rejected by National Green Tribunal; and

(d) what steps are proposed to introduce transparency by posting the inspection reports and names of inspectors on all the CPCB websites immediately?

Conservation of Great Indian Bustard

‡38. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Central Government to conserve the species of Godavan/Great Indian Bustard; and

(b) whether Central Government intends to set up a Godavan breeding centre in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, if so, by when it would be set up, if not, the reasons therefor?

Conservation of mangroves in West Bengal

39. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing mangrove forest cover in the country along with the increase in the same during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated,

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released and utilized for conservation of mangroves in the country during last three years, State-wise along with district-wise details for West Bengal; and

(c) the details of measures undertaken for conservation of mangroves in West Bengal especially in the Sundarbans region during the last three years which account for nearly half of the total mangrove forest cover of the country?

Permission to sow GM mustard

40. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give permission to sowing of GM mustard from the coming Rabi season and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also fact that the Standing Committee on Science and Technology is studying the subject on GM crops;

(c) if so, the reasons for taking decision without taking into account any report of the Committee;

(d) whether there is a case pending before Supreme Court on GM Mustard; and

(e) if so, how Government is planning to go ahead in this regard?

Tigers in Mukundra National Park

†41. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan

regarding tigers in the Mukundra National Park situated in Kota, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of the places from where tigers would be transferred to this national park and the number of tigers proposed to be transferred; and

(c) whether arrangements have been made for proper care and protection of tigers and whether sufficient number of wild preys are available in this national park for the tigers?

Ruckus created by elephants and other wild animals in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) whether Government has received information about the loss of life and property and the damage to crops due to ruckus created by elephants and other wild animals in Chhattisgarh;

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

(c) the amount and rate of compensation disbursed during the said period in this regard and the details of the number of beneficiaries, area-wise; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken by Government to prevent such ruckus in the rural areas of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof?

Deforestation in Manipur

43. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether deforestation is being done in a large scale in the hills of Manipur, causing a big environmental impact;

(b) whether frequent landslides and the recent massive earthquakes in the State are the testimonies to the consequences of this phenomenon;

(c) the course of action being contemplated to neutralise this impact; and

(d) the amount of funds for environmental improvements during the last three years and the amount of funds likely to be spent during the next three years for the purpose in the State?

New Central rule on sale of animals for slaughter or sacrifice

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

(a) whether Government has brought in a new Central rule that prohibits sale of cows, bulls, bullocks, buffaloes, steers, heifers, calves and camels for slaughter or sacrifice in livestock markets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether certain State Governments have objected to the Central rule;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to sort out the issue and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has also received representations seeking modification in the definition of cattle to exempt buffaloes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto?

Loss of forest cover due to plant diseases, insects and pests

45. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) how much forest cover in the country have been affected by plant diseases, insects and pests resulting in considerable loss of forest wealth;

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

(c) the comprehensive measures proposed to be taken by Government to protect and save the forest/tree cover in the country from plant diseases and destruction caused by insects and pests in order to prevent loss of forest wealth?

Trade in timber on private land

46. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to push for trade in timber on private land to encourage agro-forestry and to reduce the dependence on import of wood and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has initiated consultations with the State Governments to ease prohibition on felling, transport and sales of trees grown on private land; and

(c) the details of wood imported during the last three years?

Removal of restrictions on trees on private land

47. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be

pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government, in consultation with the State Governments, plans to remove restrictions on felling, transport and sale of trees grown on private land to encourage agro-forestry and to reduce the country's dependence on import of wood;

(b) if so, the details of wood imported during the last three years; and

(c) whether the State Governments have agreed to such changes in the existing rules and the details thereof?

Updation of forest policy

48. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has indefinitely postponed an ambitious plan to update India's forest policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has also decided to abstain from committing to a time-frame by which it would have a third of India's land under forest or tree cover; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of Green India Mission

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

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

(a) the progress of implementation of

Green India Mission and how many States have achieved the target;

(b) the total amount of funds released to each State during the last two financial years and in the current year up to 1st of July, 2017; and

(c) the number of household given alternative energy sources in the project area, State-wise and what are the details of schedule in the next five years?

Introduction of GM Mustard

50. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to meet again the farmer bodies of GM Mustard growers who have been opposing the introduction of genetically modified mustard production and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has given clearance to GM Mustard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

Educating and motivating people on environmental issues

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to educate and motivate people to bring about a quantitative and qualitative change on the environmental issues;

- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
 (c) if not, the views of Government in this regard?

Effective monitoring of environmental resources

†52. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to empower the institutions set up earlier for effective monitoring of environment with limited resources throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Green Tribunal has directed every State to appoint a full time Chairman in pollution control board in their States in order to empower the aforesaid boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Declaration of Yamuna catchment area as protected area

†53. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Green Tribunal has directed Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Governments to take necessary steps to declare Yamuna catchment area, which extends more than 50 km. from Delhi, as a protected area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Governments have taken or are being taken necessary step by them in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Green approval to Girnar Ropeway Project

54. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to reconsider green approval of Girnar Ropeway Project in Junagadh, Gujarat;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to protect the nesting/ breeding of endangered long-billed vultures due to the project?

Uranium exploration in Amrabad Tiger Reserve and Nallamala forest

55. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has given its clearance for exploration of Uranium in over 83 sq. km. in Amrabad Tiger Reserve and Nallamala forest;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect the local people and wildlife who would be exposed to radioactive substance due to uranium exploration?

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Encouragement of Paryavaran Praharis

†56. SHRILAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to encourage Paryavaran Prahari;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any action till now in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Paris Climate Agreement

57. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) what factors prompted the US to go out from Paris Climate Agreement;
- (b) India's views on this development and what impact it will have on the Paris Agreement; and
- (c) how Government responds to the US President's statement that under the above pact India is extracting billions and billions of dollars through foreign aid?

Compilation of data on climate change

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

- (a) whether Government has compiled data on climate change in the country;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken to control the climate change; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Higher penalty for poaching wild animals

†59. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to impose higher penalty and strict punishment for poaching wild animals;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cattle trade in open markets

60. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has issued notification regarding cattle trade in open markets across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons and rationale for the same;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the impact on various stakeholders including farmers before notifying Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Regulation of Livestock Markets) Rules, 2017; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Environmental clearances for infrastructure projects in border areas

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

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(a) whether a well laid down policy has been adopted by Government for giving early environmental clearances to infrastructure projects in border areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many infrastructure projects in border areas have so far been cleared by Government since the adoption of this policy; and

(c) to what extent this approach has reduced the time-lag in environmental clearances?

Status of Chromite ore bearing States

62. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Chromite ore bearing States at present;

(b) the number of Chromite ore mines leased out to public and private sector in those States so far separately;

(c) whether some of the Chromite mines have been closed down in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their closure, State-wise?

Auctionable mineral resources

63. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has discovered any auctionable mineral resources/blocks after the announcement of National Mineral Exploration Policy (NMEP) so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of private agencies which have been engaged to carry out exploration work in identified blocks/areas across the country?

Environmental clearance for mining

64. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 300 proposed mines were facing the prospect of becoming non-starters due to their inability to secure environmental clearance before the deadline to register mining leases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has stepped in to give a fresh lease of life for such mines by allowing States to grant such leases irrespective of the status of environmental clearance;

(d) whether miners have been prohibited from initiating operations at such mines till the time they secure the requisite green clearance, as per an order notified by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Extraction of Potash in Bikaner and Hanumangarh

†65. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drilling is being done in Bikaner and Hanumangarh to extract mineral Potash in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the quantity of Potash obtained through drilling till now and to what extent it is likely to prove economical in comparison to its cost of import; and

(c) the quantum of mineral Potash likely

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to be found in the said areas and the quantity of Potash targeted to be extracted from the said places in future; and

(d) the details thereof?

Impact of blasting for extracting minerals in Chhattisgarh

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

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that cracks have developed in the houses situated around mines in Chhattisgarh due to process of heavy blasting adopted for extracting various minerals from the mines and people remain under constant fear of house collapse and face various type of problems due to heavy blasting;

(b) the details of steps taken to carry out heavy blasting, according to norms and whether they are not being followed; and

(c) the details of the action taken on the blast of higher density than that of permitted level of heavy blasting during the last three years?

Partial utilization of income from mines for development

67. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for utilizing a part of income from mines for the development of the respective districts;

(b) what has been the procedure for seeking these funds; and

(c) what, according to Government, has been achieved on development front due to this scheme and the details thereof?

Solar panels on rooftops of Government buildings

68. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install solar panels on the rooftops of Government buildings in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the target fixed for installation of such solar panels in the country?

Alternative sources of new and renewable energy

†69. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made till date and the policy, methodology and future target set for establishing the sources of new and renewable energy; and

(b) the steps being taken to make them as an alternative to existing installed sources of thermal power?

Incentives for wind energy investment

70. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the incentives offered year-wise for wind energy investment for the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) whether Government plans to increase available incentives for wind power generation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether generation-based incentive for wind energy stands withdrawn and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether accelerated depreciation has been brought down from 80 per cent to 40 per cent and if so, the reasons thereof?

Shortage in addition of solar power capacity

71. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States have fallen short as regards addition of solar power capacity by some 2,000 MW so far, in 2016-17;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is estimated that 22 States and Union Territories require over 9,080 MW of solar power capacity to fulfill their obligations to purchase energy from other renewable sources; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Funding for new projects

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

(a) whether the Ministry is focused to facilitate funding for new projects and ensure that target of 1,300 MW is achieved in the first phase;

(b) whether the Ministry is in the process of setting up a dedicated core group for the solar sector, which will have a Chairman and other officials under the Ministry; and

(c) if so, whether Cabinet has approved this proposal and what other steps the Ministry is considering in this regard?

Sops for local solar firms

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of local solar firms for more sops has not been accepted by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for denial by Government; and

(c) what are the details of existing supports being extended by Government to solar firms of the country to encourage them and to discourage imports from various countries?

Standardization of solar power prices

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to standardize solar power prices in the country; and

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

Delegation of powers to PRIs

75. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States who have not

delegated powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) till date;

(b) the steps taken by Government to delegate powers to PRIs; and

(c) the details of steps taken to ensure transparency in the functioning of PRIs?

Proactive steps to involve Gram Panchayats

76. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any proactive steps to involve Gram Panchayats in addressing poverty and other social issues; and

(b) the total amount that has been transferred to Gram Panchayats during the last three years?

Strengthening of Panchayati Raj system

77. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to further strengthen the Panchayati Raj system in the country; and

(b) what steps are being taken or have been taken in this direction during the last three years?

Decline in cost of power

78. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of power has come down after the advent of non-conventional energy like wind power, bio-mass, bio-gas and solar power;

(b) whether some States are purchasing expensive power from private players when it is available at lower rates elsewhere;

(c) whether the Ministry has developed a software to keep track of power costs to enable power utilities to stick to the merit order; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps to rein in States?

Problems faced by mega power projects

79. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that absence of fuel linkages and power purchase agreements is hampering as many as 25 mega power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that tax sops alone can not help these mega power projects to survive; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

Segregation of technical and commercial losses

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

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to introduce segregation of technical and commercial losses on pan-India basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government undertook any consultation in this regard with all stake holders;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

24 hours electricity to households in West Bengal

81. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the definition 'electrification of villages' as per Government's database does not in reality ensure 24 hours electricity to all households of the village;

(b) the details of the percentage of households, in rural and urban areas, that enjoyed 24 hours electricity during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of percentage of households that enjoy 24 hours electricity in each district in West Bengal; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide 24 hours electricity to all households?

Employment to people affected by land acquisition by power companies

†82. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power companies give preference to farmers and their families, affected by land acquisition, for working in their projects and if so, the number of affected families and the number of such families who were provided with employment;

(b) the number of affected farmers who have been regularized and the number of farmers families that are still dependent on irregular employment; and

(c) whether arrangement for quality education has been made for educating the children of workers, if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of a "Holding company" to rescue stressed private power plants

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the status of debt-laden private power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on setting up of a holding company with the help of NTPC, PFC, REC and banks to acquire the debt-laden private power plants and run the companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of outcome of the review meeting in this regard?

Targets under DDUGJY

84. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets set for Rajasthan under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY);

(b) how much amount Government proposes to spend on electrification in rural areas, especially in Rajasthan, during the current fiscal year;

(c) whether any specific assistance is provided to BPL households in rural areas for electrification; and

(d) how many households are likely to benefit from the scheme during the current year and how many of them will be below the poverty line?

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Impact of surplus power on bio-mass plants in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several bio-mass plants were on the verge of closure due to availability of surplus power in Andhra Pradesh as it had stopped supply to Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the installed capacity of power generation and demand in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the last three years?

Status of Kayamkulam thermal power plant

86. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is considering to handover the Kayamkulam thermal power plant to Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Status of power generation and project implementation in the country

†87. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demand and supply of power in the country including Madhya Pradesh, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of power generated by each State using its own resources during the last two years and the current financial year and the details of the quantum of power provided to each State from central

power generating stations during the said period; and

(c) whether the Central Government has sanctioned any power project for various States during the last two years and if so, the details of the said projects, State-wise?

Waiver of inter-State supply charges on solar power projects

88. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to waive inter-State supply charges on solar power projects to make them feasible and to compete with thermal power projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Viability of thermal power plants

89. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's thermal power plants would become economically unviable as reported in the media recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to keep the thermal power plants of the country economically viable and productive?

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Impact of demonetisation on power sector

90. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether demonetisation has turned out to be a positive event for the power sector with the distribution companies recovering pending power bills from their customers;

(b) whether power sector could also benefit from relaxed lending and lower rates of interest among others;

(c) whether banks are suddenly flushed with funds, all of which could relax lending to the power sector and potentially bring down interest rates beneficial to power sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Replacement of outdated plants by NTPC

91. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) would spend ₹ 50,000 crore to replace outdated plants which are more than 25 years old;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NTPC is considering to replace the old and outdated plants by more efficient and less polluted modern units to reduce carbon emission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for revival of stalled power units

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

(a) whether the majority of assets in the power generation sector have been categorised as Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce a scheme to revive the stalled power units; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme and the target period by which the scheme would be implemented?

Improvement in road connectivity

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

(a) whether the Central Government has asked State Governments to improve connectivity of roads to ensure industrial development;

(b) if so, the response of States in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has provided financial assistance during the last three years and the current year to Himachal Pradesh to improve connectivity of roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

Lighting on National Highways

94. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 588 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 2016 and state:

(a) the reasons for not having provisions of lighting on National Highways passing through rural areas;

(b) whether the Ministry will consider making specific provision for lighting along National Highways in rural areas in order to avoid accidents;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry is likely to make provisions for it under the Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill or its rules and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the reasons for not having data on

how many kilometres of National Highways are illuminated and how many are not; and

(e) what steps the Ministry will take to gather and make public such data?

Highways constructed under DBFOT model in Karnataka

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

(a) how many highways in Karnataka have been earmarked to be built under the Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model;

(b) the details of the projects in the State which have been completed successfully under DBFOT model, so far; and

(c) the details of such models commissioned under foreign collaboration?

Setting up of logistics parks

†96. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is establishing logistics parks with regard to formulating an Integrated, Multimodal, Logistics and Transport Policy and if so, the number of parks that will be established and the States where they will be established;

(b) the details of points that were discussed in this regard and the names of States and agencies which discussed the same in India Integrated Logistics and Transport Summit (IILTS) along with the details of proposals agreed upon; and

(c) the details of policy initiatives taken in the said summit to reduce the cost, crowd

and pollution along with the details of Government's proposal?

Funds for maintenance of National Highways

97. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been allocated for maintenance of National Highways during the current fiscal year;

(b) how much amount allocated is proposed to be spent on maintenance of national Highways in Rajasthan;

(c) whether there is some mechanism in place to decide the *inter-se* priority of National Highways to be taken up for major repairs;

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

(e) whether there is some mechanism in place to assess the state of National Highways from the viewpoint of need for major repairs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of bridges under Setu Bharatam Project in Rajasthan

98. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges being constructed on National Highways in Rajasthan under the Setu Bharatam Project;

(b) the amount of budget allocation made for this purpose in the current year's budget;

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(c) the present status of construction of bridges under the said scheme in Rajasthan; and

(d) by when National Highways in Rajasthan would be free of level railway crossings?

Condition of NH connecting Imphal to Jiribam

99. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway connecting Imphal and Jiribam is in a dilapidated condition;

(b) the details of authorities responsible for its maintenance as this is one of the two lifelines of the State;

(c) the amount of funds released and utilized for repair, widening, maintenance or any other purposes of this road during the last three years; and

(d) the amount of funds sanctioned for this year and for the next three years, year-wise and head-wise?

Integrated Multimodal Logistics and Transport Policy

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

(a) whether Government is working towards formulating an Integrated, Multimodal, Logistics and Transport Policy and if so, the details, along with the aims and objectives thereof;

(b) the time by which the said policy is likely to be announced and implemented;

(c) whether Government is also planning for an All India Integrated Transport and Logistics Summit;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the aims/objectives thereof and the time by which it is likely to be held; and

(e) the steps taken to reduce logistics costs and bring down pollution levels by reducing congestion on roads?

Revision of speed limits on National Highways

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

(a) the speed limit for vehicles on National Highways;

(b) whether Government is considering to increase speed limit on highways to 100 kmph and on the upcoming new access controlled expressways to 120 kmph;

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

(d) whether the Ministry will soon set up a Committee of experts to deliberate on the issue;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether increasing the speed limit is possible considering poor safety standards on roads that witness the highest road accident deaths in the world; and

(g) if so, the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Regulation of tariffs for taxis and cab aggregators

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

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to impose a minimum tariff for taxis and cab aggregators;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to issue licenses to cab aggregators under the Motor Vehicles Act;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Ministry to regulate cab aggregators; and

(d) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to protect consumers from arbitrary surge pricing?

Extension of NH-87

†103. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to extend National Highway No. 87 upto Kathgodam-Ranikhet or Kathgodam-Bhimtal-Ranikhet in the lines of Kalka-Shimla (four lane) highway;

(b) if not, whether Government acknowledges the fact that the number of domestic/foreign tourists is increasing in the State every year;

(c) if so, the steps taken to remove the difficulties in extension of National Highway No. 87; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expansion of NHs in Kerala

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

(a) the status of National Highway expansion works in Kerala;

(b) whether there is any objection from the people against acquisition for the expansion in some areas in the State;

(c) if so, the details including the type of objections and the areas affected; and

(d) the total funds allocated for National Highway works in Kerala alongwith the amount utilized and lapsed?

Construction of bridges in Goa on NH-17

105. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of each of the bridges proposed on National Highway-17 in Goa sector;

(b) the dates on which each of the bridges are proposed to be completed;

(c) the cost of construction of each of the bridges;

(d) the mode of financing of each of the projects, parties involved, their liabilities, etc.; and

(e) whether the details of the agreements are available on the website of the Ministry?

Mumbai-Goa highway

106. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai-Goa Highway construction project has been undertaken;

(b) whether the said highway is going to be a cement concrete highway;

(c) the total cost of the project;

(d) the mode of financing the project;

(e) whether it involves more than one

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partners, if so, the share holdings of each of the partners;

(f) the length of highway completed, so far; and

(g) whether the concerned agreement is available on the website of the Ministry?

Bharatmala Pariyojana

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

(a) whether Government is planning to launch Bharatmala Pariyojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expected time-frame by which the project would be completed; and

(c) whether Government has reached an understanding with the concerned State Governments for acquisition of land and execution of Bharatmala Pariyojana?

Assistance of SIRDs and ETCs

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

(a) whether the Ministry is extending assistance to State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs) and Extension Training Centres (ETCs) in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance extended to SIRDs and ETCs during the last two years?

Demand for work under MGNREGA

109. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers who

demand jobs under MGNREGA during last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of labourers who were provided with jobs under MGNREGA during the above period, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of the amount allocated to each State during the above period, year-wise; and

(d) the details of the amount used by the States during the above period, year-wise?

Disparity in compensation for delayed payments under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether there is a wide variation between the amount of compensation payable to the MGNREGA workers for delayed payment of wages, amount approved and compensation actually paid;

(b) if so, what was the compensation payable, approved and actually paid during the year 2016-17 and 2017-18, so far; and

(c) what is the reason for this mismatch?

Visits by teams of NMC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that petitions have been made to the National Monitoring Committee (NMC) that tribals and dalits have been displaced and evicted for huge projects and dams;

(b) the details of the visits by NMC outside Delhi during 2016-17 and between the 1st April, 2017 and 20th June, 2017;

(c) the details of the composition of these teams; and

(d) whether public was kept in the dark about such visits?

Pending wages under MGNREGA in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Ministry is aware of pending wages under MGNREGA in Andhra Pradesh since the 1st January, 2017;

(b) the factors responsible for delay in payment of wages inspite of having a mandatory provision of paying wages within 15 days;

(c) whether ₹ 150 crore of wages are pending for payment to workers under MGNREGA in four districts of Rayalaseema in the State; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in release of funds by the Ministry or whether the delay is by State Government in disbursement of wages?

Focusing MGNREGA on States with higher poverty

113. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether half of the funds allocated under MGNREGA goes to five States, but only two of them rank high on the poverty list;

(b) whether hard labour offered by MGNREGA should have greater demand from States with higher degree of poverty;

(c) whether the Bose panel has recommended that the scheme's focus should be more on poor regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Better leveraging of MGNREGA

114. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is building systems to help poor regions leverage MGNREGA in a better way;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has launched a concerted campaign to target families which have reported deprivations under the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of farm ponds in Karnataka under MGNREGA

115. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of 1.11 lakh farm ponds was targeted in Karnataka under MGNREGA during 2016-17;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that as on the 14th March, 2017, only 13,669 farm ponds have been completed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the target set for 2017-18 and how Ministry is planning to complete backlog of 2016-17 alongwith the details of proposed projects to be completed in 2017-18?

**Proposals under PMGSY in
Chhattisgarh**

†116. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received and approved under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) from Chhattisgarh during the last three years and current year;

(b) whether some proposals of the State are still pending with Government, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government on these proposals; and

(c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding connecting roads under PMGSY and if so, the details thereof?

Revision of MGNREGA rates

117. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to reduce the gap between MGNREGA and State wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken the opinion of the States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure under NSAP in Manipur

118. SHRI K. BHABANANDA
SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds being spent for the five schemes under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in Manipur during the last three years, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and spent; and

(c) the details of beneficiaries in the State during that period, district-wise and scheme-wise?

**Funds for MGNREGA, PMAY and
PMGSY**

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

(a) the number of person days of work generated under MGNREGA, the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) and the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the quantum of expenditure incurred by Government on these schemes during the last three years;

(c) whether there is sharp increase in the quantum of expenditure incurred on these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government is planning to enhance expenditure to make gram panchayats poverty free; and

(f) if so, the quantum of funds to be sanctioned therefor?

Monitoring quality under PMGSY

120. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether quality control and monitoring mechanisms are deficient in all the tiers of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and field laboratories were either not set up or inadequately

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equipped at work execution sites and inspections of roads at prescribed stages were not conducted;

(b) whether Action Taken Reports on rectification of defects pointed out by State Quality Monitors and National Quality Monitors were pending;

(c) the steps taken to check systemic flaws in quality control system; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to fix responsibility and accountability on erring agencies and individuals in constructing poor quality roads?

Coverage of NSAP

121. SHRIDEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons eligible for benefits under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), as per the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) data, and how many of them are currently not recognized as beneficiaries thereunder;

(b) whether Government intends to identify beneficiaries for NSAP from SECC records and if so, by when this is likely to be implemented;

(c) the increase in funds required for inclusion of eligible beneficiaries as under SECC data; and

(d) whether Government intends to include widows between age of 18-39 years for widow pension under NSAP and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fake job cards under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of job

cards have been made in a bogus manner under MGNREGA;

(b) if so, the details of the manner in which they were made and the reasons therefor and why Government is unable to check the same; and

(c) if not, the number of job card holders under MGNREGA so far, State-wise?

Irregularities under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether job card holders under MGNREGA do not get 100 days employment and full payment and most of the cards have been made in a bogus manner due to which there is wide spread corruption under MGNREGA and Government is contemplating to discontinue MGNREGA;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Removal of disparity in MGNREGA rates

124. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the different rates of MGNREGA in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating on putting an end to disparities in MGNREGA schedule of rates among States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Houses for all

†125. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is working on the target to provide 'pucca houses' to all the families living in 'kuchcha houses' in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of families living in 'kuchcha houses' in Madhya Pradesh at present and by when those families will be provided with 'pucca houses';

(d) whether any scheme or proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government in this regard is under Government's consideration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Basic civil engineering training to youth under MGNREGS

126. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government imparts training to youths in basic civil engineering concepts to supervise the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of youths trained/proposed to be trained in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Public transport facilities in rural areas

127. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

many rural areas in the country still do not have proper public transport connectivity even though they are properly connected with rural roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to create and develop better public transport facilities in rural areas to complement the road infrastructure developed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)?

Reconsideration of norms for wages under MGNREGA

†128. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to revisit this norms of wages under MGNREGA;

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

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

Gram Parivahan Yojana

129. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on introducing Gram Parivahan Yojana to facilitate transport facilities in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether any areas have been identified in Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh for implementation of the scheme;

(d) the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose; and

(e) by when this scheme will be implemented?

Additional days of work under MGNREGA in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has been identified as one of the drought-affected States and it was decided to give additional 50 days work under MGNREGA during 2017-18;

(b) whether the State has been requesting to provide 50 additional working days to all districts; and

(c) how much funds have been released to the State under MGNREGA, so far?

Efficiency of major ports envisaged through MPA Bill, 2016

131. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the draft Major Port Authorities (MPAs) Bill, 2016 to replace the existing Major Port Trusts Act (MPTA), 1963 to empower 12 major ports to perform with greater efficiency on account of full autonomy in decision making;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an independent review board has been proposed to carry out the

residual function of the erstwhile Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP), to look into disputes between ports and PPP concessionaires, to review stressed PPP projects and suggest measures to revive such project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Thiruvananthapuram and Chennai sea route

132. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project to develop Thiruvananthapuram and Chennai sea route is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of Cochin Shipyard Limited

133. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the circumstances or reasons which led to the decision of disinvesting Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) which is one of profit making PSUs;

(b) how far the proceeds of the disinvestment will be used for the expansion of the company; and

(c) whether this will affect the CSL credentials for getting orders from Indian navy and other Government entities?

Commercial transport scheme in Ganga river

†134. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is contemplating to formulate a scheme for commercial transport in Ganga;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and

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

Satellite port at Betul, Goa

135. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to build a satellite port at Betul, Goa;

(b) whether land for the purpose has been acquired;

(c) the total cost of the project and mode of financing the same and shares of each of the partners and their liabilities; and

(d) the total land required for the project and the proposed cost of the land?

Implementation of Sagarmala project

136. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will implement projects worth ₹ 5 lakh crore till May, 2019 under Sagarmala project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has planned an investment of ₹ 12 lakh crore under the Sagarmala programme, out of which ₹ 8 lakh crore would be spent on industrial clusters and the remaining would go to port rail and port road connectivity, mechanization and modernization of ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of property/assets of major port trusts

137. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government desires to sell the property/assets of the major port trusts;

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

(c) whether Government plans to lease the properties instead of selling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Major Port Authorities Bill, 2016

138. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Major Port Authorities Bill, 2016, Government proposes to appoint labour representatives from amongst the persons who in the opinion of the Central Government are capable of representing the interest of the employees in the major port authorities; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in Kandla Port Trust

139. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 1000 vacancies in Kandla Port Trust;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any plans to fill up the vacancies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Profits from new small and medium ports

140. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) which are Government run ports that have reported profit during the last two years and what were the important measures taken post 2014 to ensure that ports make profit;

(b) which are the top profit making ports and top loss making ports during the last three years and the major reasons behind accumulated losses of the loss making ports; and

(c) the number of new small, medium size and big ports being constructed by Government and what are the structural reforms that Government is introducing in their construction and management design to ensure that they make profit from day one?

Development of Sirajganj-Dhaikawa river stretch in Bangladesh

141. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Indian perspective the Sirajganj-Dhaikawa river stretch in Bangladesh would help create a 4000 km. long waterway from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Sadiya in Assam (Bordering Arunachal Pradesh) through Bangladesh;

(b) whether India has now planned to finance 80 per cent of the estimated ₹ 220 crore required for dredging to maintain navigability in Jamuna-Ashuganj stretch in Kushiara river in Bangladesh; and

(c) whether India is already developing

the Varanasi-Kolkata stretch on river Ganga (National Waterway No. 1) at an estimated cost of ₹ 5400 crore under World Bank assistance?

Cases filed against borewell company

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inappropriate maintenance of borewells there have been incidents of children falling into them and dying ultimately;

(b) if so, the number of deaths of children in such incidents during the last three years, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any case has been filed against the borewell companies for negligence, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has made any change or proposes to make changes in rates with regard to borewell so that such incidents can be prevented, the details thereof?

Study on groundwater contamination in U.P.

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

(a) whether any study has been carried out by Government to identify areas in Uttar Pradesh which have problem of groundwater contamination;

(b) if so, the details of the study;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) whether Government has any plan to make such a survey in near future?

Water sector development in Mahanadi basin

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

(a) whether the State of Chhattisgarh has considered the demands of Odisha a lower riparian State while planning its water sector development in Mahanadi basin to the tune of 33,897 MCM of water;

(b) whether State of Chhattisgarh has planned to release flood water to Odisha in the down stream of river Mahanadi during high flood in its delta region; and

(c) what is the provision of minimum flow kept at State border by the State of Chhattisgarh for the fulfillment of the requirement of Odisha including requirement for maintaining the river health in shape of environmental flow?

Model law on water conservation

145. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: 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 come out with a draft model law to conserve ground, surface and rain water;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposed draft model law would also envisage the use of treated water for non-potable purposes;

(c) whether Government is considering to form a committee to suggest ways to conserve fast depleting groundwater levels through aquifer recharge; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Namami Gange Programme

†146. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects sanctioned under Namami Gange Programme (NGP) the details of total budget allocated and the amount spent so far under the project;

(b) the total number of projects that have been completed under NGP and by when the remaining projects are likely to be completed, the project-wise details thereof;

(c) the names of PSUs and the amount spent by them on the projects under NGP, the details thereof;

(d) the names of rivers whose basin area has been cleared for conservation and continuous flow of rivers; and

(e) the amount spent along with details thereof?

Release of water from Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir

147. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir has reached dead-storage

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level in the beginning of summer season itself, due to release of water from right and left canals for generation of power by Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it is affecting the drinking water and irrigation of the States; and

(c) whether there is an agreement between both States as to how the water has to be utilised based on availability of water in the reservoir?

Disaster at Rajmahal open cast mine

148. SHRI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disaster at Rajmahal open cast mine in Jharkhand had led to many fatalities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that safety concerns raised by activists and locals were rubbished by authorities

(d) whether complaints pointing to violation of safety norms which forwarded to the Director General of Mines Safety by the Prime Ministers Office was termed incorrect/false in December, 2015; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the officials who neglected the security aspects of the people working in mines?

Sewage treatment plants for cleaning Ganga river

149. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sewage treatment plants built and operationalised to treat sewage from the river Ganga in 2016-17;

(b) the number of existing sewage treatment plants to treat sewage from the river Ganga in the financial year 2016-17; and

(c) the amount spent in financial year 2016-17 for building such sewage treatment plants?

Serious issues on Farakha Barrage in Bihar

†150. 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 the Bihar Government had raised some serious issues regarding the Farakka Barrage with the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether the Bihar Government had requested the Central Government to send a team to conduct study in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the ferocity of flood is increasing year after year as a result of accumulation of silt in the river beds of all rivers including Ganga?

Setting up of a single permanent tribunal for inter-State water disputes

151. 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 is considering to set up a single permanent tribunal to adjudicate all the inter-State river water disputes;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at present there are eight tribunals looking into disputes over the waters of rivers across the country;

(d) whether Government has sought any opinion from the involving States with regard to creation of single tribunal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-linking of rivers across the country

152. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the option of inter-linkage of rivers for better water management and irrigation of crops and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of the proposals for water management and prevention of losses during floods thereof;

(c) how many embankments exist across States in India and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all embankments are still operational in the country in the current period and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same thereof?

Lift Irrigation Schemes on river Krishna

153. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER

RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka State was permitted to construct new Lift Irrigation Schemes on river Krishna based on the additional usage recommended by Bachawat Tribunal in the case of commissioning of Polavaram Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any request from the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana to permit additional usage of Krishna water in view of the commissioning of Polavaram, if so, the details thereof?

Cleanliness of river Ganga

†154. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the stretches and the levels of achieved cleanliness therein so far along the Ganga river from its source to termination;

(b) whether the cleanliness is being carried out by Government agencies or private companies, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on the places where cleanliness has been completed so far?

Plan for water grid on rivers

†155. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is mulling over

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any plan for establishing water grid in rivers and if so, the details of the said plan;

(b) whether rivers and the States where the above grid would be established have been selected under this plan and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cities in the country that would get piped water supply as a result of the above; and

(d) whether Government is also mulling over establishing water grid on the rivers of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Status of work on Polavaram project

156. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of work on Polavaram project;

(b) the total funds released for land acquisition, relief and rehabilitation measures in connection with the project along with the status of utilization certificate for the released funds; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to increase pace of Polavaram project particularly of the main project and left main canal?

Allocation of funds under RRR Scheme

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

(a) in view of the scarce water resources in Rajasthan State, whether, Government will arrange to sanction 36 Detailed Project

Report (DPRs) amounting to ₹ 98.13 crore proposed under Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) Scheme of water bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Project under CAD and WMP in AP

158. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to include 8 projects under Command Area Development (CAD) and Water Management Programme (WMP); and

(b) if so, details of the project and by when they are likely to be completed?

Deadline for cleaning Ganga

159. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Ministry it will take 10 years more to cleanse river Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for repeatedly extending the deadline for cleaning Ganga?

Implementation of Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal Award

160. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state that under which circumstances Polavaram Multipurpose

Project was taken up first, since as per Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal award, Inchampally project was to be taken up prior to Polavaram multipurpose project in order to moderate the design flood of 36.00 lakh cusecs?

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