

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

#### Import of coal

801. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of coal would be reduced to negligible by 2023 as per Government resolution; and

(b) if so, what efforts have been made to increase the domestic production particularly under the Make in India programme of Government?

#### Auction of coal blocks

802. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the central trade unions have threatened to go ahead with the proposed nation wide strike over auction of coal blocks to private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that three rounds of talks with CIL and Government could not resolve the issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Cancellation of allocation of coal mines

†803. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines allocation cancelled by Government and the number of mines out of them allocated;

(b) the rules being followed in allocation of new mines and the total revenue to be received from it by the concerned State and the Central Governments and in how many years; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed with regard to allocation of all the cancelled coal mines?

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### **Safety of coal mines**

804. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any guidelines for the safety of coal mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the guidelines are reviewed from time to time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether some accidents have occurred in coal mines during 2013 to 2016; and
- (f) if so, the number of casualties and relief provided to families of deceased?

### **Availability of coal reserve**

805. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total coal reserve available in India to be used in future;
- (b) how long it is expected to last, as per our consumption;
- (c) what is the grade of our indigenous coal; and
- (d) how much coal is expected to be imported?

### **e-auctioned operation of coal mines**

806. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after a year of e-auction of 34 coal mines that were allocated to State Government utilities and auctioned to private firms, only 10 of them are currently in operation and the rest are facing legal and regulatory hurdles;

(b) whether Jharkhand which has 15 mines, is not operating a single coal mine, so far, due to land and forest clearance issues, land dispute and erroneous data; and

(c) whether mines in West Bengal, Punjab and Karnataka face legal hurdles from EMTA, a mining contractor, which has contested the appointment of mining development operator in these States?

### **Safeguards for coal linkages**

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

- (a) whether the safeguards established for coal linkages would lead to de-regulation of market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Letter of Assurances given to power projects during 2009, 2010 and 2011 would be converted to Fuel Supply Agreements this fiscal; and
- (d) if so, how it would improve the electrification of rural households?

### **Environmental clearance to MCL**

808. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has deferred its decision of granting environmental clearance to Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) for setting up of coal washery in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether land for the purpose has been identified and acquired by MCL/State Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the investment made, so far, in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken to get the environmental clearance?

#### **Coal cess**

809. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal cess collected in the country during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the details of monies allocated, released and utilized from the funds received through coal cess during the last five years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of utilization of funds done from coal cess generated in West Bengal during the last three years, district-wise;

#### **Short term coal linkages to Jharkhand**

810. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has granted any new short term coal linkages in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a panel has also been made to look into coal linkages to be provided and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any new short term coal linkages have been given to Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scrapping of coal auctioning policy**

811. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to scrap the coal auctioning policy of allocating coal assets to private power companies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the benefits expected from the proposed plan?

#### **Fluoride in drinking water**

†812. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantity of fluoride has increased in drinking water in many parts of the country including Marathwada region of Maharashtra due to lack of rain, uncertainty of monsoon and decrease in ground water level because of decrease in flow of rivers;

(b) if so, the plan of Government to provide pure drinking water to millions of people of this region; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for providing pure drinking water to each village of every district of drought affected areas of the country?

#### **Setting up of Sanitation Research Centres**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Sanitation Research Centres at national level;

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(b) if so, the details of States where these are to be established;

(c) whether Government has consulted the State Governments; and

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

#### **Access to quality drinking water in U.P.**

814. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are nearly 1,500 habitations which are yet to get quality drinking water in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme and earmarked any fund to make these habitations get quality drinking water supply in the coming years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Crisis of drinking water**

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

(a) the names of States in the country where drinking water crisis is prevalent;

(b) the details of assistance provided by Government to States, so far, to tackle the drinking water crisis;

(c) whether Government was not aware of the drinking water crisis in several parts of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in tackling the crisis?

#### **Funds for drinking water and sanitation to Bihar**

816. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds given by the Central Government to Bihar Government during the last three years and the current year for drinking water and sanitation respectively;

(b) whether these funds were inadequate; and

(c) if so, how much work still remains to be done in Bihar in the field of drinking water and sanitation?

#### **Solution of drinking water problem**

†817. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of drinking water problems in the country;

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

(c) which are the States in the country where the situation is alarming, the details, State-wise;

(d) what are the immediate and long term solution to tackle the drinking water problem; and

(e) the details of measures taken so far?

#### **Clean drinking water in West Bengal**

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

(a) the details of central projects pertaining to clean drinking water being executed in West Bengal, district-wise;

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(b) the details of projects submitted by the State regarding drinking water during the last three years, year-wise, district-wise and project-wise, and

(c) the details of projects pending before the Central Government during that period along with the reasons for the pendency, year-wise, district-wise and project-wise?

#### **Funds for drinking water in rural areas**

819. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released ₹ 820 crore for drinking water in rural areas for 2016-17;

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

(c) the details of fund out of the above earmarked for provision of potable drinking water in arsenic affected rural areas of the country, State-wise?

#### **Supply of piped drinking water to households**

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

(a) the details of habitations covered under the piped supply of drinking water and percentage of people and the number of habitations to be covered thereunder, State-wise;

(b) the total funds allocated/released and incurred under the said plan during each of the last three years and the current year and the total funds likely to be incurred to achieve the target to provide piped drinking water for this purpose, so far, State-wise; and

(c) the time by when the piped supply of drinking water to the households in all the villages is likely to be provided?

#### **Allocation of funds for construction of toilets in Maharashtra**

†821. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing money to each family in all villages of the country, including Maharashtra, for construction of toilets so that people do not defecate in open and encourage people to make use of these toilets, as well;

(b) if so, the total number of toilets constructed in the country, including Maharashtra, till December, 2015 along with the target set for construction of toilets during 2016-17;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to make it mandatory for panchayat election contestants to have toilets for their eligibility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Availability of ground water**

822. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that availability of ground water in various parts of the

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country is negligible due to continuous drought;

(b) if so, whether Government has chalked out any plan to fulfil life-related demand of the people in view of the prevailing drought in most of the States of the country; and

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

#### **WHO specifications/guidelines for drinking water**

823. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has circulated the specifications/guidelines for drinking water recently;

(b) if so, whether Government has accepted the said specifications/guidelines;

(c) whether Government has sought more clarifications from WHO in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds under Project Tiger**

†824. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Project Tiger is in operation at present together with the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds provided to the State Governments for the maintenance of each Project Tiger from the year 2013 to 2016;

(c) whether Government has slashed the

pre-determined fund allocations for those Projects; and

(d) if so, whether the paucity of funds would not adversely affect those Projects;

#### **Sickness of animals in zoos**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that sickness among animals kept in various zoos of the country is at alarming levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take to save the animals from sickness?

#### **Land reclamation of closed or abandoned mines**

826. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to restore the quality of land in areas where mines have been closed or abandoned;

(b) whether there is any mechanism for monitoring and oversight of land reclamation activities by lessee companies after mining activity is concluded; and

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

#### **Illegal trafficking of wild animals**

827. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Central Government has any mechanism to stop the illegal trafficking of wild animals from the country to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of wildlife trafficking cases reported in the country during the last three years; and

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

#### **Forest fires**

828. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forest fires took place in many parts of the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering assisting the State Governments to prevent forest fires; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Identification of cities under Nagar Vana Udyan Yojana**

829. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified 200 cities under the Nagar Vana Udyan Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified any Class 1 cities in Uttar Pradesh under this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Pollution in rivers of Gujarat**

830. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of rivers polluted by chemical and other industries in Gujarat; and

(b) the step taken by Government to stop the pollution in rivers of the State?

#### **RTI reply regarding electro-magnetic radiation**

831. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Commission has, in a recent decision, taken exception to the kind of reply given to RTI applicants in respect of electro-magnetic radiation; and

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

#### **Diseases due to air pollution in metropolitan cities**

832. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people living in metropolitan cities are suffering from various diseases due to air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has assessed the quantum of air pollution in big cities and suggested remedial measures to face such challenges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of Coastal Zone Management Plan in Odisha**

833. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the Coastal Zone Management Plan pertaining to Odisha;

(b) how the Coastal Zone of the State is going to be benefited once the Coastal Zone Management Plan is implemented; and

(c) which are the Coastal Zone Development Programmes that have been given priority for implementation in the State?

#### **Promulgation of Solid Waste Management Rules**

834. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has promulgated new Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 to manage solid waste in the country;

(b) if so, the details regarding segregation of waste and its management in the urban areas;

(c) what would be the responsibility of big waste generators under the new rules;

(d) whether these rules would be

applicable to Government and private establishments, factories, industries and local bodies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safeguarding of Western Ghats**

835. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan to safeguard the Western Ghats; and

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

#### **Tiger Protection Force**

836. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Project Tigers have been given "Tiger Protection Force" and the details of their numbers; and

(b) how much fund has been allotted for such Force and the details thereof, State-wise during the last five years?

#### **Raising and breeding of Chinese quails**

837. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have been allowed to raise and breed Chinese quails;

(b) whether the Ministry is allowing breeding of these birds; and



(c) whether the Ministry is required to give permission for their breeding by private players?

**Management of Construction and Demolition Wastes**

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

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

(a) whether Government framed rules to manage construction and demolition wastes, to improve air quality in various cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether "recover, recycle and reuse" logic would be encouraged to manage the wastes generated due to construction and demolition activities in various cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, how they propose to deal with hundreds of million tonnes of wastes generated per year in cities?

**Air monitoring system**

839. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set air monitoring system in different cities of the country with the help of PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the existing system in Delhi and NCR areas in the above context;

(d) whether it is proposed to upgrade the above system in Delhi to help its citizens lead a toxin free life; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Polluted river stretches**

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

(a) the details of all river stretches identified as polluted by the Central Pollution Control Board;

(b) the details of all such polluted river stretches which have been taken up for cleaning and conservation under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), so far;

(c) whether foreign countries/ companies/development agencies are involved in the process of conservation of polluted rivers under NRCP and if so, the details of all such agencies involved, so far; and

(d) the details of project costs for each polluted river taken under NRCP and the amount of funding received from foreign agencies for this purpose?

**Revision of standards for common effluent treatment plants**

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

(a) whether Government has revised standards for common effluent treatment plants operating at various industrial clusters in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the new norms/ standards are likely to be enforced for improving the quality of industrial discharge across the country?

**Reduction of funds for Project Tiger**

842. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds in the Project Tiger have been reduced over the years;

(b) if so, what are the details of funds allocated for the project during the last three years;

(c) whether, due to reduced funds, security and safety of tigers has been compromised leading to poaching of tigers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made to save the tigers?

**Funds for reducing pollution in rivers**

843. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) the quantum of funds earmarked by Government to reduce pollution in rivers of the country during the last two years;

(b) the details of amount spent during the said period;

(c) whether Government is satisfied with the results achieved, so far; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Increase in wild tiger count**

844. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wild tiger count has increased for the first time in the country, as per recent estimates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the E-eye system of tracking tigers in the country has been started; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent this would be helpful in protecting the endangered animals from poaching?

**Pedigree dogs abandoned by owners**

845. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen the recent reports regarding foreign origin pedigree dogs being abandoned by their owners in large numbers;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to set up more shelters for abandoned foreign origin dogs, so that they can be put up there for the purpose of adoption by other interested persons later, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to regulate the sale of foreign origin pedigree dogs by pet shop owners?

**Incidents of forest fires**

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

(a) whether various incidents of breaking out of fire in forests are increasing

in various parts of the country due to which valuable medicinal plants are damaged and adjoining human habitations are also endangered;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents and the effective measures taken to extinguish the said fire immediately without harming the property, cattle and human beings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Percentage of renewable energy in total power generation**

847. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of renewable energy in the total power generation has increased and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government plans to bring uniformity in the Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) mechanism across the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to increase grid infrastructure and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Solar panels on unutilized land**

848. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up solar panels for generating power on the arid land or land which is not being utilised for any purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of sites selected and acquired/likely to be acquired during the current financial year, State-wise and total area-wise;

(d) the quantum of energy targeted to be generated by using waste land; and

(e) the steps taken by Government, so far, to achieve targets within the scheduled time?

#### **Coverage under RVEP**

849. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG Report No. 34 of 2015 (Renewable Energy Sector in India) has stated that progressively from 2007-08 onwards the coverage under the Remote Village Electrification Programme (RVEP) has declined, so much so that no targets were fixed by Government for the years 2012-13 and 2013-14;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to increase the coverage of villages under RVEP; and

(c) the details of release of Central Financial Assistance under RVEP during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Initiative for implementation of wind resource assessment**

850. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up a new initiative for implementation of wind resource assessment in uncovered/new areas under the National Clean Energy Fund;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with identification of uncovered/new areas, State-wise; and

(c) what are the prospects for development of offshore wind energy along the coast line especially in Maharashtra?

#### **Setting up of small/micro hydel power projects**

851. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small/micro hydel power projects have been set up and are proposed to be set up in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the quantum of power generated during the above period, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the financial assistance and other subsidy/incentives given to set up these projects during that period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the names of States which are implementing small/micro hydel power projects in their States?

#### **Programmes for wind energy**

852. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area having potential to exploit wind energy has been identified in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any programmes to generate energy from wind; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial assistance for developing green campus**

853. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to provide financial assistance of ₹ 5 lakh to help organizations develop their campuses into a green campus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the financial assistance would be for preparation of master plan and detailed project report under the Ministry's Development of Solar Cities programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Grid connected solar rooftop systems**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved a budget of ₹ 5,000 crore for implementation of grid connected solar rooftop systems under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent the above support would help in generating power through solar rooftop systems;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no subsidy would be given for commercial and industrial establishments under this scheme, and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Harnessing of solar and wind energy  
in rural areas**

855. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps/proposes to take steps to encourage people in rural areas of the country to harness solar and wind energy sources at a small scale to meet their energy requirements;

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

(c) whether Government provides/ proposes to provide financial support to State Governments to develop alternate energy sources like biogas generation from farm and other organic wastes in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Boosting solar equipment  
manufacturing industry**

856. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sustainable domestic solar equipment manufacturing industry can save billions of dollars in equipment imports, reduce the cost of electricity and capital and also create lakhs of direct and indirect jobs in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating a policy to boost end-to-end manufacturing of solar equipments in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the present solar equipment manufacturing capacity in the country?

**Adherence to PESA Act**

857. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provisions of Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas), (PESA) Act are not being adhered to in areas where it is compulsory;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made of the implementation and the effectiveness of the Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Status of Panchayat Enterprise Suite  
project**

858. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has discarded the Panchayat Enterprise Suite project for documenting the comprehensive developmental activities of the village panchayats;

(b) if so, the alternative programme proposed by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of States which have given the complete data for the project?

**India's ranking on HDI**

859. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks 130th (below countries like Namibia, Iraq and Palestine) on the Human Development Index (HDI);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to improve HDI ranking of the country?

#### **Growth of State GDP**

860. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the growth of State GDPs during the last five years;

(b) the States which have consistently remained over national average and those below the national average;

(c) the factors responsible for poor performance of the States; and

(d) the steps taken to accelerate the growth of GDP of these States?

#### **Stand on Tendulkar report**

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

(a) whether a NITI Aayog panel, tasked with eliminating poverty through creation of jobs and strengthening of social programmes, has veered around to accept the Tendulkar line on poverty as a tool to track the progress in combating extreme poverty and not identification of the poor for purposes of disbursement of Government dues and subsidies;

(b) whether the panel has also called for creation of Coastal Economic Zones for sustained rapid growth with job creation potential; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Creation of mega Coastal Economic Zones**

862. SHRI D. RAJA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a suggestion made by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman for creation of mega Coastal Economic Zones (CEZ) on the west and east coast of the country for boosting the manufacturing sector and creation of jobs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Project under IAP**

863. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the project undertaken under the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) for 82 selected tribal and backward districts in the country;

(b) the details of total amount released and utilised under IAP during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of physical targets set and achieved in the identified tribal districts in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has reviewed the scheme under IAP, if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by Government for proper implementation of IAP?

#### **Plan to provide LED bulbs at cheaper rates**

†864. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is considering to make any plan to provide LED bulbs to consumers at cheaper rates;

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

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

#### **Progress of Ultra Mega Power Plants**

865. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of Ultra Mega Power Plants (UMPPs) in the country, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the future of such UMPPs and the impediments in setting them up, the details thereof?

#### **Revamping of Ultra Mega Power Projects**

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

(a) whether Government is considering to revamp the Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs);

(b) whether the scheme was hit due to faulty drafting of bids;

(c) whether a senior team of experts was looking into the aspects of bid documents and these documents would be put in the public domain; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Power generation in States**

†867. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sources of power

generation in every State and the quantum of power generated during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the details of pending power projects, till date; and

(c) the names of power projects pending in Madhya Pradesh and by when these would be completed along with the action being taken by Government in this direction?

#### **Provision for affordable electricity**

†868. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to provide affordable electricity to every household and business establishment;

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

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

#### **Manufacturing of LED bulbs**

869. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Government's push to replace 750 million tungsten bulbs with LED bulbs;

(b) whether the local companies do not have the wherewithal and hence the orders would go to Chinese companies;

(c) whether it would defeat the very objective of Make in India; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry and the Bureau of Energy Efficiency are planning to move ahead?

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### **Rate of power**

870. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether different States charge different rates for the same kind of power *e.g.* hydro or thermal;

(b) whether it is because those States generate or purchase it at lower rates;

(c) how Delhi is able to distribute power with 50 per cent subsidy whereas many other State Governments are not able to do so; and

(d) whether Government bears the expenses thereof?

### **Best technology for power generation**

†871. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring the best technology of the world for power generation in India;

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

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

### **Demand supply gap in Tamil Nadu**

872. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the data on demand supply gap of power in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to meet this gap;

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

(d) the details regarding upcoming power projects in the State?

### **States joining UDAY**

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

(a) whether, even after six decades of independence, over 18,000 villages do not have basic facility of electricity or 25 per cent of the people are still deprived of electricity for which Government is working;

(b) whether many State Governments have expressed their desire to join Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY);

(c) whether UDAY is aimed at reviving the ailing State Electricity Boards and improve operational efficiency of power distribution companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Power shortage in Maharashtra**

874. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total peak demand and supply of electricity across various categories, including wind, solar, hydro, nuclear, thermal and gas and the shortage thereof in Maharashtra; and

(b) what measures are being taken or have been proposed by the Central Government to assist the State Government in overcoming the shortage of power?

### **Standards of T & D losses**

875. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any standards with regard

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to transmission and distribution of electricity have been fixed by advanced countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses suffered in the country in comparison to the advanced countries, State-wise;

(c) whether the factors responsible for T&D losses have been assessed;

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to reduce the losses along with the success achieved; and

(e) whether Government proposes to modernize the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) specifically to reduce leakages and losses and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Smart Grid projects**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to increase the number of Smart Grid projects in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred by Government for development of Smart Grid network in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to take more initiatives to accelerate the development of Smart Grid network in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Construction of Ranchi-Tata-Mahulia NH-33**

†877. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of Ranchi-Tata-Mahulia road (NH-33) is pending ;

(b) whether the agency named Madhucon, involved in the construction of this road, was supposed to complete this task till June, 2016;

(c) if so, whether only 25 per cent progress has been made in this project, so far; and

(d) the date by which the construction of this road would be completed?

#### **Awarding of new road projects**

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

(a) whether the Central Government has proposed to award 273 road projects covering a length of 10,000 kms amounting to ₹ 1,26,700 crore during 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details of proposals to be taken up and their respective value, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has identified and finalized new road projects to be covered during the next two financial years, 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the estimated cost for each of the projects?

#### **Pending projects in West Bengal**

879. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of highway projects are pending or running behind schedule in West Bengal;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and since when;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) when these projects are going to be completed?

#### **Borrowing of funds by NHAI**

880. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI plans to borrow ₹ 1 lakh crore during the next 2 fiscal years to meet its financial needs;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had finalised plans to complete 30 kms of roads every day;

(c) the areas where these borrowed funds would be spent; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that such borrowed funds are spent only in high density traffic sectors?

#### **Bulk purchase of cement for highway projects**

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

(a) whether Government has initiated steps to procure cement for its highway projects at bulk rates by contracting bulk quantities with a consortium of cement manufacturers and if so, whether negotiations are underway through Government sponsored web portal INAM-PRO;

(b) whether provisions for a change in prices, when the project is already underway, is included in the contract format;

(c) whether such supplies meant for public sector highway projects would enjoy eligible concessions on excise duty, sales tax and freight charges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Operationalising of call centres for accident victims**

882. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that call centres for helping road accident victims on National Highways in the country have not been fully operational and are still under testing stage only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when Government call centres would be in operation; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Reducing road accidents**

883. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accident incidents, fatalities and injuries during 2015, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been an increase in road accident fatalities during 2015 *vis-a-vis* 2014;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Ministry thereto;

(d) whether Government has set a target of reducing road accident fatalities by 50 per cent during the next five years; and

(e) if so, the road map along with the details of initiatives proposed and undertaken by Government to meet the above target?

**Construction of ROB at  
Chakradharpur**

884. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal of taking up the work of construction of sanctioned ROB in Chakradharpur at 117 kms on NH-75 extension between Ranchi and Chaibasa;

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

(c) whether there are any proposal for including construction of this long pending demand of ROB in the coming budget; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for its execution?

**Provision for safe crossing of NH-44  
near Peddakunta, Telangana**

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

(a) whether a large number of men from Peddakunta Tanda tribal hamlet on NH 44 linking Hyderabad and Bangalore in Mahabubnagar district of Telangana have died in road accidents during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not providing any service road or a safe point for residents to cross the highway near the hamlet;

(c) the reasons for constructing an underpass far away from hamlet rendering it completely useless for residents; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government to help the villagers in crossing the highway safely and properly compensate all affected residents?

**Vehicles without insurance policy**

886. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 70 per cent of country's private vehicles do not have a valid insurance policy;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to identify such vehicles and ensure that these vehicles have valid insurance policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to have a mechanism to report road accidents to the concerned insurance company for fast processing of claims?

**Funds raised by NHAI**

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

(a) whether Government has approved NHAI's plan to raise upto ₹ 55,000 crore during this fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also authorised NHAI to keep the proceeds of completed highway projects, that would be sold out, for a healthier balance sheet; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of elevated road on  
Ratu road**

†888. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister

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has announced to construct an elevated road on Ratu road;

(b) whether Government has provided ₹ 500 crore therefor; and

(c) if so, by when the project would be sanctioned and the construction work would be started?

#### **Study on road signages on highways**

889. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India accidents take place on highways because road signages are not put at appropriate places;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry would consider conducting such a study in future?

#### **Compensation to damaged properties of NHAI**

890. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3822 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th May, 2012 and state:

(a) the updated status of the action taken by the Ministry regarding providing compensation/insurance claims to properties of NHAI getting damaged in vehicular accidents;

(b) whether Government intends to discuss or has discussed the same with State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate provisions are proposed to be inserted in relevant

insurance laws or motor vehicle laws to provide insurance cover for damages to highway properties/roads just like for human injury/loss and vehicle claims in road accidents; and

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

#### **Status of Himalayan Highway**

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

(a) whether Government has given in principle approval for construction of Tuini- Chakrata-Almora-Lohaghat-Pancheshwar National Highway named as Himalayan Highway;

(b) if so, the date of approval and the length of the Highway;

(c) whether the Ministry has received DPR of the highway; and

(d) if so, the details of progress made in construction of this highway, so far?

#### **Delayed NH projects in Telangana**

892. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Highway (NH) projects in Telangana are delayed;

(b) if so, the details of each such projects and the reasons for delay in each of such projects; and

(c) the efforts being made to ensure timely completion of these projects?

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### **Measures to curb road rage incidents**

893. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increase in crimes of road rages are due to increase in the uncontrolled vehicular traffic on the city roads of some of the major cities, particularly the national capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such crimes are on increase due to uncontrolled anger of drivers of vehicles on roads; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider making it mandatory for drivers to procure an Anger Management Course Certificate before applying for the Drivers' Licence in order to reduce the road rage crimes?

(a) whether Government has devised a decentralized surveillance system to locate and monitor sudden traffic disturbances or any traffic violations and accidents on National Highways in the country;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal for use of CCTV cameras and satellite data for monitoring traffic snarls, highway crimes and accidents on highways;

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

(e) why NHAI has not come up with the proposal to install CCTV cameras and satellite data surveillance gadgets on NHs?

### **Code of conduct for toll plaza operators**

894. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued any 'code of conduct' for toll plaza operators to maintain uniformity in toll operations making it mandatory to comply with the policy guidelines and standards prescribed by NHAI; and

(b) the details of guidelines and standards prescribed in the 'code of conduct' to be complied with by all NHAI contractors and concessionaires?

### **Decentralized surveillance system for NHs**

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

### **Work on Mumbai-Goa National Highway**

896. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Mumbai-Goa National Highway had the maximum number of fatal accidents during the last five years;

(b) whether the pace of work for converting this highway into four-lane is extremely slow in the portions being handled by the State Governments;

(c) the details of progress in the matter and by when the work would be completed, portion-wise;

(d) the details of land acquisition, portion-wise; and

(e) the details of financial provisions/shares of the Centre and States for this work?

**Proposals for as declaration as  
National Highways**

897. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from the State Governments to declare roads as National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on the above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Projects under TOT model**

898. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a list of 75 completed projects that can be sold to private players for about 15 years under the new model named Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government expects to generate at least ₹ 40,000 to ₹ 50,000 crore upfront revenue from selling of these projects;

(d) whether, at present these stretches annually generate ₹ 4,400 crore toll revenue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Fixing life span of vehicles**

899. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering

to fix a life-span of vehicles and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would include all types of vehicles or only the vehicles of mass-transport and freight carriages being run on diesel; and

(c) whether Government is also considering to accept the recommendations of auto industry regarding standardizing the size and structure of freight carriages?

**Extension and construction of median  
on highways in Tamil Nadu**

900. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the stretches of highways that are undergoing work for extension and construction of median in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the work on any of these stretches has been abruptly stopped;

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

(d) the details of steps taken by NHAI to ensure the safety of people;

(e) whether NHAI takes action against the contractors who have failed to put up caution boards; and

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

**Agreement with railways for speeding  
up highway projects**

901. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways have entered into an agreement with the Ministry

to speed up highway projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far it would help in fast tracking road projects in the country?

**Accidents due to overloaded vehicles**

†902. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most road accidents take place due to overloading of vehicles;

(b) if so, the measures being adopted to prevent the same;

(c) the steps taken by Government to install smart transportation system on all highways of the country so that road accidents caused due to overloading of vehicles could be avoided; and

(d) the details of action being initiated by Government with regard to NH-3 on which 20-25 fatal accidents take place every month on an average on the stretch approximately 50-55 KMs away from Indore towards Mumbai?

**Compliance with international standards for safety by vehicle manufacturers**

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

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for vehicle manufacturers especially cars for complying with best international standards for safety of drivers and passengers for new vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with

the details of the state of the art automotive design and testing centres existing in the country for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to formulate new norms for crash test, emissions and other safety equipments to ensure safer vehicles manufacturing in the country?

**Non release of payments by TNGDC**

904. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog have received several representations from SSI units based in NOIDA (UP) for non-release of payment by Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TNGDC) for energy meters;

(b) if so, the details and action taken by NITI Aayog on these representations;

(c) whether NITI Aayog would consider to terminate and abate any financial assistance in power sector to Tamil Nadu Government until TNGDC clears the dues of SSI units for energy meters received and consumed without any justifiable reasons; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Asset management system for National Highways**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has set a target to have an asset management system to have all details of the entire length of the National Highways;

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

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(c) the details of the progress made in this regard, so far?

**Use of plastic waste in construction of roads**

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

(a) the target which has been fixed by Government for construction of roads using plastic waste during 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) whether the roads, which are to be constructed using plastic waste, have been selected;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the roads would be selected?

**FDI in construction of NHs**

907. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals received, approved and funds allocated separately for the construction of National Highways during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the present status of projects under FDI and by when these projects would be completed, project-wise?

**Reconstruction and revamping of old bridges**

908. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to reconstruct and revamp 1,500 old bridges at a cost of ₹ 30,000 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposals from State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Widening of NH 24**

909. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to widen NH 24 into 16 lanes from Noida crossing to Dasna Border in UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of work on the project; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure time bound execution of work on the project?

**Status of proposal on NH 75**

†910. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for Ratu road to Bijupara on National Highway No. 75 (Ranchi-Daltonganj road) is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the planning of Government in this regard; and

(c) by when this proposal would be approved?

**Payment of compensation for land acquired for 4 laning of NH 56**

†911. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land of farmers is being acquired for four laning of Varanasi-Lucknow National Highway No. 56 in U.P.;

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(b) whether the compensation is being provided according to the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government regarding complaints made by farmers of district Sultanpur on irregularities in payment of compensation and the demand for constituting a central investigation team to enquire into the matter made by me on 15th March, 2016 during Zero Hour in the Rajya Sabha?

#### **Action to reduce road accidents**

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

(a) whether the United Nations has promulgated the United Nations Decade of Action targeting to reduce road accidents by 50 per cent by the year 2020;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to implement the aforesaid target;

(c) whether Government has proposed to set up a Road Safety Authority to reduce the number of accidents on Indian roads;

(d) if so, the details of composition and functioning of the Authority; and

(e) the details and break-up of funds allocated and sanctioned by Government to fix black spots (accident spots) throughout the country?

#### **Construction of houses under IAY in Puducherry**

913. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses constructed

under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) in Puducherry since its inception, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the number of houses for which the Puducherry Government has sought help under IAY and how many have been approved by Government;

(c) whether there are any houses still left out for construction and allotment; and

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

#### **Status of SPMRM**

914. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM);

(b) how far it has been implemented to fill the rural urban divide;

(c) what is the cost of this project and how much money has been spent for development of rural India; and

(d) what is the status of Odisha under this project?

#### **Fall in work days under MGNREGA**

915. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 9 per cent of the households which were to be benefited under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) completed 100 days of work during the last fiscal year;

(b) whether employment under MGNREGA has been even less in drought-hit States during the last fiscal year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to address the shortfall?

#### **Allocation of funds under MGNREGA**

916. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount allocated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) 2015-16 was not enough to address the problems of farmers and rural population hit by drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a major chunk of fund allocated was for the liabilities of the previous year; and

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

#### **Identification of households under Housing for All initiative**

917. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started identifying households to be provided houses under the Housing for All by 2022 initiative;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken in this regard?

#### **Work provided under MGNREGA**

†918. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who applied for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during 2014-15 and 2015-16 the details, State-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of applications received for work under MGNREGA this year is more in comparison to the previous years and if so, the details of the action plan to ensure 100 days employment to all?

#### **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Swaniyojan Yojana**

919. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Swaniyojan Yojana, its budgetary allocations and timeline for its commencement;

(b) whether Government would collaborate with private individuals and entities to determine entrepreneurship opportunities and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has taken measures to coordinate efforts with other Government departments and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Implementation of SPMRM**

920. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Shyama Prasad

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Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), its budgetary allocations, timeline for its commencement and completion;

(b) the process identified by Government to select clusters of villages under SPMRM particularly in tribal and non-tribal districts; and

(c) the role of State Governments in planning and implementation of SPMRM?

#### **Additional funds under MGNREGA**

921. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made a commitment in the Budget for 2015-16 for releasing additional funds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA);

(b) whether some State Governments have sought funds under MGNREGA;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when funds would be made available to the States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and other States to carry on the works under MGNREGA?

#### **Work under MGNREGA**

922. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households who demanded and were given work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) since 2009 till date, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise *e.g.* SC, ST and others;

(b) whether during 2013-14 to 2015-16

the total number of households and SC households working under MGNREGA as well as reaching 100 days limit was reduced and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is a huge delay in payment of wages which has discouraged workers from seeking work under MGNREGA and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Housing for All**

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

(a) whether Government has approved construction of 2.95 crore houses in rural areas under Housing for All Scheme wherein financial assistance of up to ₹ 1.30 lakh would be provided for construction of pucca houses for homeless families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target would be achieved by 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of PMGSY in naxal-affected districts of Chhattisgarh**

†924. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the road construction works sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in 8 naxal affected districts of Chhattisgarh are yet to be started because of non-participation of contractors in bidding;

(b) whether the premium amount of contracts has been hiked by the States due to non-availability of construction material

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in those districts where roads have to be constructed;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government for construction of roads in naxal affected districts; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Model land leasing law**

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has formulated model land leasing law to facilitate process of land reforms across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by Government to facilitate transfer of leased land directly from tenant in various States for development projects;

(c) whether meeting of Chief Ministers would be convened for helping States in land acquisition for various infrastructure projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of other measures proposed?

#### **Status of PMRDFs scheme**

926. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows (PMRDFs) scheme has been discontinued by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of applications received by Government under this scheme,

stipend provided to each selected applicant and the number of applicants who have been selected this year and during the last three years?

#### **Road connectivity in rural areas of Maharashtra**

927. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a roadmap for road connectivity to difficult and sparsely populated areas of rural Maharashtra; and

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

#### **Construction of roads under PMGSY**

†928. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a scheme of providing road connectivity to all small and big villages of the country including Maharashtra till 2019;

(b) if so, the target set for construction of roads in kilometres, per day;

(c) the cost involved in road construction per kilometre under PMGSY at present and the criteria for deciding width, length and other criteria of such roads and whether Government is contemplating on reducing the cost on road construction by using new technology of using unutilized plastic; and

(d) if so, the provisions of expenditure on plantation, installation of lights, construction of roadside drainage etc. under PMGSY?

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**Employment under MGNREGA**

929. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many households have been benefited under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Act (MGNREGA) during the last three years;

(b) how many days of work they got, State-wise; and

(c) the details of money they got, State-wise?

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is expected to sign agreements worth over ₹ 72,000 crore with private players on port related projects at the Indian Maritime Summit to be held in Mumbai soon;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has identified 109 projects worth ₹ 72,864 crore on which agreements will be signed during the said event;

(c) whether the sectors identified for investment include ship building, ship repair and recycling, port modernization, new port development and multi modal logistic hubs among others; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revenue generated by public sector ports**

930. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that entry of new private ports has made severe impact in the revenue generation of Government owned ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of private ports that have come into operations since liberalisation of port sector;

(d) the details of revenue generated by public sector ports before opening of the port sector to private sector; and

(e) the details of revenue generated by public sector ports after opening of ports sector to private sector?

**Promotion of water transport**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that by promoting water transport, logistic cost, which was 18 per cent in India as compared to barely 8-10 per cent in China and 10-12 per cent in European countries, would come down significantly;

(b) whether it is also a fact that water transport is not only environment friendly but also much cheaper;

(c) whether it would cost ₹ 1.5 a km. to carry cargo by road and ₹ 1 by rail and through waterways the cost would be a mere 25 paise a km.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Investment under Sagarmala project for port modernisation**

933. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will showcase more than 150 projects for investment under the Sagarmala project for

**Agreements with private players on port related projects**

931. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

port modernisation in the Indian Maritime Summit to be held in Mumbai;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to create 40 lakh direct employment and 50 lakh indirect employment during the next five years in the maritime sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Re-implementation of Shipbuilding Subsidy Scheme**

934. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the drastic reduction in fleet share falling from 35.5 per cent in 1990 to just 10.9 in 2011-12;

(b) the details of existing fleet share along with details of production of vessels during the last five years and the steps taken to boost production in the country;

(c) the details of vessels imported during that period; and

(d) the details of Shipbuilding Subsidy Scheme operational in the country 8 years ago and projected period of its re-implementation by the Ministry?

#### **Harnessing sea and river fronts as waterways**

935. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to harness the country's 50,000 kms. of sea and river fronts as waterways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering innovative ways to raise around ₹ 70,000 crore to develop these stretches in the first phase;

(c) whether only five of the river stretches has been declared as national waterways, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **PPP in shipping industry**

936. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to allow Public Private Partnership in shipping industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas where it is likely to be allowed in shipping industry; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Maritime colleges**

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

(a) the number of maritime colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of students, so far, passed out of these colleges but remained unemployed; and

(c) how many students are given financial assistance for on-board training?

#### **Encouragement of local shipping industry**

938. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of domestic shipping industry in the country;

(b) whether the current fiscal policy and the absence of a level playing field have dented the growth of domestic shipping industry and if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government proposes to encourage local shipping industry including permission to raise foreign currency loans/bonds through financial institutions and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other initiatives taken by Government to encourage shipbuilding industry?

#### **Development of capacity cargo handling at ports**

939. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate steps to develop and improve the capacity of cargo handling at various ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided funds for development of adequate infra facilities at various ports in the country;

(d) if so, the details of amount allocated, provided and utilized in these ports during the last five years, year-wise, port-wise; and

(e) the performance of private ports and their capacity handling in comparison with Government ports?

#### **Expansion of ports**

940. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that approvals for expansion of existing ports

and initiation of new ports along the coastline are delayed by as long as two years, for want of clearances under Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notifications;

(b) the details of requests received during the last three years for expansion of existing ports/initiation of new ports both approved and pending, project-wise;

(c) whether functioning ports, already having necessary clearances under CRZ and EIA Notifications, require clearance for expansion activities within the port area; and

(d) if so, the details of such proposals within port projects pending for approval, State-wise?

#### **Declaration of Kakinada-Puducherry as National Waterways**

941. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) when the Kakinada-Puducherry has been declared as National Waterways;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in implementing the above waterway in spite of completing other three of the five identified waterways; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed and the present status of the project?

#### **Development of national waterways with Central Road Fund**

942. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to develop national waterways with the Central Road Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount proposed to be allocated for the purpose during the current financial year;

(d) whether Government has prioritised the waterways for development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Performance of major ports**

943. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the 12 major ports in the country have successfully crossed their respective performance figures of the previous year 2015-16;

(b) whether it is also a fact that, they could not however achieve the target fixed by Government;

(c) whether every year Government fixes an unscientific target which cannot be met with; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Meetings of NMC**

944. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings of the National Monitoring Committee (NMC) has been held since October 1, 2015 to discuss, among other issues, the evictions at Polavaram dam together with the date of such meetings;

(b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has not submitted the full details asked for by NMC; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to give an opportunity to representatives of tribals and farmers to meet NMC?

#### **Water level in Marathwada and Bundelkhand**

945. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that water level in many areas of Marathwada and Bundelkhand have gone down up to the level of 500 feet thus extraction of water has become very difficult;

(b) whether Government is aware that due to shortage of water people are migrating from such areas to other nearby places thus increasing burden on the nearby cities and towns; and

(c) what action Government has taken to find out long term solution for the water shortage in these areas where crops are not being grown due to shortage of water?

#### **Extraction of ground water**

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

(a) the total quantum of ground water being extracted everyday in the country and the details of total quantum of ground water extracted during the last two years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that continuous extraction of ground water has resulted in abysmally low level of water and some areas have been separately identified as

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having very low water table and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Water level in dams**

947. 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 low water level in dams has hit irrigation during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise including A.P. and Telangana; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken to solve this problem permanently?

#### **Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project on Godavari river**

948. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project on river Godavari has been proposed by Government of Telangana;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that the above project is in violation of Section—84 and 85 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014; and

(c) if so, what action the Ministry has taken/proposes to take to stop this project?

#### **Pollution around Polavaram dam**

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

AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Polavaram dam Authority has constituted an environmental supervisory committee or any such body to leverage the pollution from air, water and soil around Polavaram dam;

(b) to what extent the Polavaram dam Authority has implemented the recommendations of the National Green Tribunal concerning the dam;

(c) whether it is a fact that the high intensity blasting without proper supervision is a regular feature around the dam; and

(d) the steps proposed to curb the blasting till safety and environmental guidelines are in place?

#### **Implementation of key water related schemes**

950. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to implement key water related schemes in a time bound manner and also decided to bring State Governments to implement these schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has come out with a National Water Law which may also take care of the management of Inter-State river basins and conserve existing water resources and ensure equal distribution of water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Underground water level**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the American researchers have conducted a study and declared that the underground water level in some parts of India is alarming;

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

(c) whether the factors responsible for steep fall in underground water in the country have been ascertained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to maintain underground water levels in the country?

### **Special committee on inter-linking of rivers**

952. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any target to inter-link rivers of Peninsular component in a time bound manner in the recently concluded meeting of Special Committee on inter-linking of rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Basin Action on Ganga River Management Plan**

953. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any action on the Ganga River Basin Management Plan submitted by a consortium of 7 IITs;

(b) whether 10 IITs have been asked to adopt various stretches of Ganga river and villages along the river to implement plan to treat pollutants being diverted in the river;

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the progress, made, so far; and

(d) whether the Ministry also proposes to hand over sewage treatment operations in towns along Ganga river to private sector and if so, the details in this regard and how Government plans to monitor it?

### **Allocation of funds under AIBP in Madhya Pradesh**

†954. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/released to projects running under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in Madhya Pradesh by the Ministry during the last five years and this financial year project-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the details of funds allocated/released and spent therefrom, project-wise?

### **Water crisis in Marathwada**

955. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact water crisis in Marathwada region of Maharashtra has

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recently worsened as seven dams in the region have dried up;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Decision regarding ban on school children from getting relief at Polavaram dam**

956. SHRI D. RAJA:  
SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN  
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to ban school going children from getting relief and financial packages individually for being evicted from Polavaram dam area;

(b) the number of children under 18 years who have been deprived of such benefits in Polavaram and Devipatnam Mandals:

(c) whether representations have been received by Government to rescind this harsh decision banning school going children from getting due benefits; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to enumerate children in Polavaram Project affected area?

**Sewage treatment plants for cleaning of Ganga river**

957. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many sewage treatment plants

have been granted approval for facilitating the process of cleaning of Ganga river;

(b) the details of STP proposals received by Government;

(c) out of these, how many STP sites are functional; and

(d) the details of proposals which are still pending for approvals and the reasons for their pendency?

**Delay in approval process of irrigation projects**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that an inordinate delay is taking place in the approval process of irrigation projects which are being taken up by the State Governments and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to ward off/obviate the delay in giving approvals from the Central Government for irrigation projects taken up by the State Governments?

**Survey to identify reservoirs and water bodies**

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

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan to exploit the reservoirs and neglected water bodies situated in the country by using state of the art technologies;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any survey to identify the reservoirs and

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water bodies that are in need of restoration and protection by such technologies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount incurred under this plan, so far, along with the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Erosion of coastlines**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to

the National Institute of Oceanography scientists, nearly a quarter of India's coastline is under threat of erosion;

(b) if so, the details of coastline falling under safe/danger zone, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government during the last decade to check the extent of erosion across coastline;

(d) the details of role Central and State Governments play to check coastline erosion; and

(e) the details of financial assistance required for the purpose and what is the share of Central and State Governments in this regard?

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