

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total Number of Questions — 160

Coal supply to TPU in U.P.

3517. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient quantity to coal has been made available to all Thermal Power Units (TPU) of Uttar Pradesh, as per their demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decrease in coal demand by power plants

3518. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether in January, 2017 India's coal imports declined by 22 per cent to 14 million tonnes, due to decrease in demand from power generating stations; and

(b) if so, what corrective measures Government is taking to shore up demand for coal by thermal power stations?

Modernization of Central Hospitals, BCCL at Dhanbad

3519. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Coal visited Dhanbad recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an announcement was made regarding modernization of Central Hospital under Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL);

(c) if so, the details of the modernization plan; and

(d) whether speciality treatments related to heart, neurology etc. will be covered in said plan?

Coal sale of CIL

3520. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited (CIL) is struggling to sell all the coal it currently produces, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the target for coal sale in the current financial year and the achievement till date?

Outstanding coal supply dues of power plants

‡3521. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the coal based power companies, including NTPC on which dues for coal supply is outstanding, details of the outstanding amount;

(b) names of the coal mining sites allocated after year 2014 for supply to coal based power plants, the details thereof; and

(c) whether private sector companies are also supplying coal to power plants, if so, the details thereof?

Coal production/expenses of CIL, SECL and MCL

3522. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of coal (in tonnes) that has been excavated/produced by Coal India Limited (CIL), South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL) and Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) in the year 2015-16; and

(b) the total gross expenses of the said companies for the period 2015-16?

Self sufficiency in coal production

3523. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether roadmap has been prepared by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) to enhance production of coal to meet the domestic demand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of capacity addition from new projects and use of mass production technologies using latest technology; and

(c) by when India will be self-sufficient in coal production, except for the use of blending coal by power plants designed on imported coal?

Curbing illegal coal mining

3524. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of illegal mining activity is taking place in the country;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government, with the help of modern technology to curb illegal mining in various parts of the country; and

(c) the number of complaints received in this regard during the last two years?

CIL's coal supply to power sector

3525. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal dispatch by Coal India Limited (CIL) to power sector had registered a negative growth between April, 2016 and January, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what has been the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made to fill the gap between demand and supply?

Request for revision of coal royalty by State Government

3526. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from any State Government

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requesting for revision of coal royalty paid to the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken on these proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Arsenic and toxic chemicals contamination of drinking water in Bihar

†3527. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the underground water in a large area of Bihar is not fit for drinking as arsenic and other toxic chemicals have been found in it during investigation;

(b) if so, the assistance being extended by the Central Government to State Government for providing safe drinking water; and

(c) whether Government would consider conducting study on groundwater for districts/cities situated near river Ganga and to remove toxic chemicals present in the water for making it safe for drinking?

Groundwater contamination in West Bengal

3528. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of districts affected by groundwater contamination in the State of West Bengal, district-wise;

(b) what efforts have been made by the Ministry to check contamination and provide safe drinking water; and

(c) the details of the technical and financial assistance given to the State Government, to deal with the above problem?

Role of women under SBM

†3529. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether special programmes are being run to ensure leading role of women under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is running a programme named as 'Swachh Shakti, 2017'; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Progress of cleanliness under SBM in H.P.

3530. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the progress of cleanliness in all the religious and tourist places of the country under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether pilgrims and tourists in Himachal Pradesh (H.P.) have to face difficulties due to the garbage in and around religious and tourist places; and

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

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Providing safe drinking water to A.P. and Telangana under NRDWP

3531. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to provide safe drinking water in all rural areas under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(b) the number of panchayats which have already been provided with safe drinking water under the programme so far in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States; and

(c) the number of panchayats to be covered in coming years, year-wise in A.P. and Telangana States?

Nirmal Gram Puraskar for panchayat bodies

3532. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of panchayat bodies rewarded Nirmal Gram Puraskar during the last three years;

(b) if so, many of the bodies were awarded the repeatedly the Nirmal Gram Puraskar Award;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any special incentives were extended to awardees of Nirmal Gram Puraskar Award?

NRDWP allocation for Jharkhand

3533. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation and release of funds

under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during the last three years in Jharkhand;

(b) what mechanism is available to monitor the delivery of the programme by the State;

(c) whether Government is satisfied with the work done under the programme in the State; and

(d) the targets and achievements for the State during the said period, district-wise?

Financial aid for drinking water crisis

†3534. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the States of the country which are facing drinking water crisis at present and the details thereof ;

(b) the name of States that have been provided financial aid from Government for dealing with drinking water crisis during the last two years, the amount and the dates thereof;

(c) whether the concerned States have a plan for dealing with drinking water crisis;

(d) whether Government had got those plans examined by experts;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the number of regions in the country where drinking water would be made available by the end of the year 2018?

Status of construction of toilets under SBM

3535. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets built under the

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Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in rural areas during the last one year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the construction cost per toilet and the amount Government provides for the purpose;

(c) whether Government has received any complaint of irregularities in distribution of amount being provided for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard, State-wise?

Status of sanitation and drinking water schemes

3536. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the schemes or projects implemented or under implementation by Government to provide sanitation facilities in various parts of the country including Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(b) amount of funds which have been allocated in this regard during the last three years by Government and amount that would be allocated for next two years to the State Governments;

(c) whether hazardous chemicals contents are found in underground water used for drinking water purpose; and

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

Constructed and functional toilets under SBM (G)

3537. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:
SHRIMATI JAYA
BACHCHAN:

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

(a) details of total number and percentage of toilets constructed and functional toilets having piped water supply under Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin SBM (G) since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Ministry has conducted structural audits of toilets constructed under SBM (G) as part of its monitoring and evaluation exercises;

(c) if so, details of such studies conducted since 2014, State-wise, year-wise and number and percentage of toilets found dysfunctional in such studies, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) if no such structural audits are being undertaken, reasons therefor; and

(e) number of 'open-defecation-free' villages, State/UT-wise?

Application of Amrit technology in U.P. Bihar and West Bengal

3538. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes run by the Central Government for provision of safe drinking water in rural areas, State-wise along with the details of fund allocated, released and spent during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government in consultation with State Governments of U.P., Bihar and West Bengal proposes to install AMRIT technology (Arsenic and Metal Removal Indian Technology) in rural areas during 2017-18;

(c) if so, the details thereof, along with the details of districts to be covered under this technology, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Public awareness for safe drinking water and sanitation

3539. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the campaigns launched for bringing public awareness regarding safe drinking water and sanitation schemes; and

(b) whether Government proposes to come out with a publicity initiative to emphasise upon the people, to have toilets in their houses and to make use of the same and if so, the details thereof?

Destruction of forests by fire

3540. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that large areas of forests are being destroyed by fire, either knowingly or unknowingly in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to stop and control the damage of such huge area of forests from fire; and

(c) whether Government have started taking strict actions against the culprits who are knowingly involved in this type of activities?

Unsafe air quality in Delhi

3541. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the air quality in Delhi is unsafe for humans;

(b) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) had declared Delhi as the world's most polluted city;

(c) whether due to substantial increase in air pollution, people have started opting for air purifiers as a solution;

(d) the number of patients with respiratory problems died in Delhi during the last two years due to poor air quality; and

(e) the details of steps being taken by Government to improve the air quality of Delhi?

Awareness about benefits of wetlands

3542. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to create awareness about the benefits of wetlands in the country;

(b) if so, what are the initiatives taken in this regard during the last two years; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider taking effective steps in this regard?

Most polluted cities

3543. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the most polluted cities

of the country with regard to air pollution;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any study to determine the number of premature deaths caused by air pollution in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details of such a study, year-wise, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there has been an increase in air pollution due to concentration of PM 2.5 across the polluted cities of the country; and

(e) if so, the details of such an increase over the years, for each of the polluted cities and its reasons therefor?

Monitoring of air pollution

3544. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry spends ₹ 7 crore annually on monitoring air pollution, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the data of average air pollution levels in the previous year, State-wise;

(c) whether such data shows toxic levels of pollution in the country and if so, whether there have been any deaths caused due to air pollution; and

(d) whether the Ministry is taking steps to curb air pollution and if so, the details thereof?

Waste processing plants near residential areas

3545. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is allowing waste processing plants to come up within 20 to 100 metres of residential areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is the first time that waste processing plants will have to adhere to defined limits by creating a buffer zone separating the boundaries of the waste processing facility and public zones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental and forest clearances for iron and manganese mines in Odisha

3546. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has not been considering the applications for issuance of Terms of Reference for Environmental and Forest Clearances for Iron and Manganese ore mines from Odisha on the grounds that carrying capacity study has not been completed; and

(b) if so, how many applications have been returned by the Ministry on the ground of non-completion of carrying capacity study?

Impact of mining in forest areas

3547. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether activities in forest areas have not severely affected biodiversity in various parts of the country;

(b) whether environmental clearances given by the Ministry before permitting mining activities in forest areas are as per

provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006;

(c) if not, whether any exemptions have been given during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, project-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Ministry to regulate mining activities in forest areas in order to ensure minimum damage/disturbance to flora and fauna of the country?

Introduction of BS-IV emission norms

3548. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Environmental Pollution (Prevention & Curative) Authority has proposed introduction of Bharat Stage IV (BS- IV) emission norms for motor vehicles to bring down air pollution levels;

(b) if so, from which date it is being introduced;

(c) whether 1st April, 2018 is suggested as the cut off date; and

(d) if so, whether it would be insisted?

Pendency of mining projects in Chhattisgarh

†3549. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 20 cases related to mining projects of Chhattisgarh, are pending; and

(b) if so, whether these cases can be

disposed of by simplifying the procedures involved therein?

Environmental clearance of projects

3550. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects and the time-frame in which, they were awarded environmental clearance by the Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry has penalised any project for violating environmental clearance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shutting down of polluting industries

3551. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industries that are categorized as 'RED' which are considered as highest polluters;

(b) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to gradually shut down these industries; and

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

Ban on use and manufacture of polychlorinated biphenyls

3552. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India may have issued directives to ban the use and manufacture of polychlorinated biphenyls to reduce

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pollution, but the use of these toxic industrial chemicals in electronic equipment for decades has contaminated country's soil and air quality;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to a study, e-waste in Indian soil is twice the global average;

(d) whether disposing off the e-waste is a very cause of concern the country is facing; and

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

Deaths due to air pollution

3553. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that roughly 2.2 million people die every year as a direct result of air pollution and the incidence rate of asthma in children in some large cities is now at 50 per cent and is rising fast; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

Impact of aerosols on climate

3554. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rapid rise in the use to aerosols in the country over the last decade has, according to scientists, been dramatically changing the climate and a substance known as CTC which is a strong ozone depleting substance is still widely used as a solvent and is actually banned in most other countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for the same?

Encroachment upon and disappearance of wetlands

3555. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the details of wetlands identified in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether several wetland have been encroached upon and some of them have disappeared;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government for protection and preservation of wetlands;

(e) whether Government has taken note of report by the Centre for Water Resource Development and Management (CWRDM) on the threat to wetlands due to rampant encroachment; and

(f) if so, the details of response of Government thereto?

Eco-sensitive zone on the bank of river Bhagirathi

†3556. SHRI MAHENDRA
SINGH MAHRA:
SHRI VIVEK GUPTA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal to set up a eco-sensitive zone on the bank of river Bhagirathi flowing in Uttarakhand, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether the original form of the proposal has been changed;

(c) if so, the details of the changes therein; and

(d) if not, the reasons of delay in providing approval to the proposal?

Reduction in green areas in NCR

‡3557. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that green areas have considerably been reduced in Delhi-NCR during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is working on a comprehensive action plan to increase green areas in the whole country including Delhi-NCR; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Waste-to-energy plants in the country

3558. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) how many waste-to-energy plants are there in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of amount of garbage processed per day at these plants and how the output energy is utilised;

(c) whether the PPP model has been adopted for the functioning of these plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in tree and forest cover

3559. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to increase the number of trees and forests in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to create awareness among the masses; and

(c) if not, whether Government contemplates to take such measures in the near future?

Levying of carbon emission cost

3560. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is already levying a carbon emission cost that may make the cost of coal too high for gasification purposes to produce urea or to generate electricity in the years to come;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even a modest \$40 per tonne tax on CO₂ emission shall make natural gas the lowest cost option in relation to coal and whether it is also a fact that this tax may even go up to \$100 per tonne; and

(c) if so, what shall be future strategy of Government with regard to use of coal as source of energy for various purposes?

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Substitution of coal by gas to tackle global warming

3561. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that big oil companies are now touting the substitution of coal by gas as way of tackling global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether coal will continue to be the main source of energy in the country;

Protection of elephants/wild animals from speeding trains

3562. SHRI HARIVANSI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked States to put the forest staff on high alert to avoid elephants and other wild animals being killed by speeding trains;

(b) the response of the concerned States in this regard; and

(c) the number of casualties of wild animals during the last year, State-wise?

Survey of cities regarding air pollution

3563. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey of cities across the country regarding increasing level of air pollution;

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

(c) whether the Environment Pollution Control and Prevention Authority has any graded action plan for the said cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures/steps taken by Government to address the high level of air pollution in the country?

Studies on premature deaths due to air pollution

3564. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of studies by the WHO and other agencies indicating large scale premature deaths in the country, due to air pollution;

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

(c) whether Government has conducted any study on air pollution in the country and its impact on health and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the details of concrete steps/measures taken by Government to check air pollution in the country?

Implementation of Paris Agreement

3565. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's work regarding the implementation of the Paris Agreement have been very satisfactory;

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

Impact of pollution of human longevity

3566. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the atmospheric pollution besides other things, also severely affects the longevity of human beings;

(b) if so whether any survey/research has been conducted by any authorized agency in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the details of the report?

Beach conservation in Goa

3567. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one-fourth of beaches in Goa have faced severe erosion;

(b) if so, the reasons and implications thereof;

(c) whether we have a plan of action for reducing the damage; and

(d) if so, the status of its execution?

Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010

3568. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had issued Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 for protection and preservation of wetlands across the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has maintained a list of wetlands across the country in forests and private lands which require protection and conservation;

(c) if so, the details of number of protected wetlands, category-wise and State-wise;

(d) if no such list is maintained, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether State Governments have been mandated to identify and enumerate wetlands for protection just like Maharashtra Government has done recently; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Amount of CAMPA fund

3569. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount currently available with Supreme Court created National Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) fund ;

(b) the details of allocation of afforestation funds to State CAMPA authorities State-wise;

(c) whether the new CAMPA Authorities and funds have been notified under the Compensatory Afforestation Act, 2016;

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

(e) whether it is a fact that Green India Mission has received budgetary allocation of ₹ 157 crore in 2017-18 for Afforestation Programme to be funded through NCEF; and

(f) if so, the reasons for making this allocation when there are existing National and State CAMPA funds?

Proposals under NRCP

3570. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the activities proposed under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) has not been fully implemented by the States to reduce water pollution in major rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the activities taken up to reduce the pollution in river Krishna by the riparian States including expenditure during the last three years?

Air pollution for industrial, thermal, power stations and other sectors

†3571. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on any plan to reduce the level of pollution from industrial, thermal and power generation plants and other sectors;

(b) the number of power generation plants which have, so far, implemented the emission standards (which include the emission standard of PM, SO₂, NO_x and consumption of water) notified by the Ministry on 7th December, 2015 for thermal plants under the Environment (Conservation) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986); and

(c) whether Government is planning to dilute the notification regarding emission standards for thermal power plants issued by the Ministry on December, 2015?

Funds to Odisha under CAMPA

3572. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Odisha Government for release of funds under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Annual Plan Operation (APO), 2015-16 has been received by the Ministry six months ago; and

(b) if so, whether there is any valid reason for delay in the release of the balance funds to the tune of ₹ 280 crore and whether it would affect the afforestation programmes in the State during 2016-17?

Assessment of pollution level in Indian rivers

3573. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done/ intends to carry out any study to assess the pollution level in Indian rivers;

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

(c) the list of most polluted rivers of India; and

(d) the steps Government has taken/ intends to take to rejuvenate the Indian rivers and hence maintaining clean water in the river?

Mining of Bauxite

†3574. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining of Bauxite is being

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done in notified areas of the country and if so, the details thereof and the agencies involved in this work;

(b) the quantum of Bauxite mined in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has invited suggestions from States about the mining of Bauxite and if so, the details thereof and the response received from those States; and

(d) the measures adopted by Government for the protection of Bauxite in future?

Single window clearance system for mining licence

3575. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a web portal for giving single window clearance for prospective licence to application for exploration of mineral blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that, as many as 21 mining leases have already been auctioned, so far with a cumulative resource valued around ₹ 94,000 crore; and

(d) whether Government has already facilitated the auction process extending support from IBM and Geological Survey of India and various PSUs and if so, the details thereof?

Payment of mineral royalty

†3576. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision

for paying mineral royalty to districts of States having minerals has been implemented and whether guidelines have been issued for use of this amount; and

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

Planning for auction of mines

3577. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out a plan to put as many as 280 mines with a mineral wealth of over ₹ 10 lakh crore for auction during the next fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 83 mines under litigation depend upon the outcome of legal process;

(d) whether Government intends to apply drone technology for preparing topography maps, inspection of mines and prevention of illegal mining and if so, whether Governments, proposal has been accepted by concerned stakeholders; and

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

Volcanic eruption in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

3578. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a threat of volcanic eruption in one of the oldest Volcanos in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the recent past;

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(b) if so, the details of the happenings and/or possible happenings of the Volcanic eruption;

(c) whether any serious/dangerous situation has arisen due to the evolving situation; and

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

Proposals from Chhattisgarh

†3579. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) whether more time taken in the execution of proposals hampers the development works and how the cost overruns are adjusted and the details thereof?

Setting up of research institutes for bio-gas, bio-diesel and solar energy

†3580. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received proposals from various States including Madhya Pradesh for setting up of research institutes for promotion of bio-gas, bio-diesel and solar energy;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received and approved during last three years and current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of pending proposals among them and the reasons for the delay thereon and by when the pending proposals are likely to be approved; and

(d) the details of States which have implemented the approved proposals?

Solar street lights under Atal Jyoti Yojana

3581. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to provide solar street lights across the country under the Atal Jyoti Yojana and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has requested all Members of Parliament to use a part of their MPLAD funds for providing solar street lights in their respective constituencies and if so, the details thereof?

Sanctioning of 15,000 solar pump sets

3582. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sanctioned 15,000 solar pump sets to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of pump sets, so far released to the State, district-wise;

(c) how many pump sets have so far been fixed, district-wise; and

(d) by when the remaining are going to be fixed?

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Wind energy potential in Telangana

3583. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE), there is a potential to generate 4,200 MW of wind energy in Telangana;

(b) if so, the details of the study conducted by NIWE;

(c) what steps, incentives, etc., the Ministry is giving to explore wind energy potential in Telangana; and

(d) the present generation of power through wind energy in Telangana?

Decline in investment on solar power

3584. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decline in investment for solar power;

(b) by when solar power is expected to overtake conventional power in output;

(c) what proportion of conventional power will be essential for voltage stability;

(d) what is the proposed road map; and

(e) what is the expected reduction in expenses for power after a decade?

Generation of wind energy by Maharashtra

3585. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra

is the second largest State in generating wind energy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that wind energy potential of the State have not been fully tapped; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken to fully tap the wind energy potential of the State?

Promotion of wind energy through NREDCAP

3586. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to promote the generation of wind energy through its nodal agency, New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (NREDCAP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether East Godavari and West Godavari districts have been covered for generation of solar power, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Participation of private sector in solar energy development

†3587. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is developing new and renewable solar energy along with sensitising rural population for adopting solar energy;

(b) whether Government is persuading the private sector to come forward to join the initiative of the States; and

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(c) if so, the serious steps being taken by Government to create conducive atmosphere for the inflow of private capital in this sector to usher in “Achhe Din” in the rural India?

Local and imported Silicon used for solar power sector

†3588. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of locally produced and imported Silicon being used in solar power sector, the details thereof;

(b) the rate of locally produced and imported Silicon; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to promote the usage of locally produced Silicon during the last three years and the amount spent thereon?

Three fold increase in solar energy

†3589. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been three fold increase in solar energy generation capacity during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is working on any action plan to ensure that solar energy be the main source of energy in future and if so, the details thereof?

Solid waste power plants

3590. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of solid-waste power plants generating power/electricity using solid-wastes in the country;

(b) whether Government has set up any new such power plants in the recent past during the last year;

(c) if so, the details thereof with its generation capacities; and

(d) if not, whether Government is planning to set-up such power plants in the country?

Criteria for cities under the Development of Solar Cities Programme

3591. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for inclusion of cities under the Development of Solar Cities Programme;

(b) the names of the cities which have been included and those likely to be included under the Programme, State-wise;

(c) the details of facilities provided to such cities; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent under the Programme during the last three years and the current, State-wise?

Widespread use of renewable energy

†3592. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken for widespread use of renewable energy and the quantum of power being generated from all renewable energy sources as on date, State-wise;

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(b) the extent of effectiveness of concessional measures taken for agricultural and industrial consumption including domestic consumption; and

(c) the year-wise details of quantum of power generated in Madhya Pradesh through renewable energy resources during the last three years including the year 2016-17?

Recycling the domestic garbage and toilet waste for electricity

3593. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity can be generated by recycling the domestic garbage and toilet waste in the country;

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

(c) whether electricity generated through the said recycling process is used for domestic purposes in several countries of the world and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to implement the said scheme at the national level in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Transfer of funds to Panchayats

†3594. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rupees Fifty Lakhs has been directly transferred to the account of every Gram Panchayats by the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether Gram Panchayats are

adhering to the prescribed norms for utilisation of funds; and

(c) whether the heads have also been earmarked by Panchayats for utilization of funds and if so, the details thereof?

Benefits of gram panchayats

†3595. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in the country;

(b) the number of villages having gram panchayat in the country;

(c) the number of villages which are yet to receive the benefit of gram panchayat (independent);

(d) the number of villages having facility of panchayat ghar; and

(e) the number of villages still not having the facility of panchayat ghar?

Gender responsive governance in PRIs

3596. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, has taken steps to promote gender responsive governance of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of measures taken by the Ministry to train Panchayati Raj representatives for effective implementation in the wake of emerging models like Rurban Governance and Smart Cities;

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SATCOM facilities for Panchayats

†3597. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified 92 basic facilities and amenities for Panchayats to improve the standard of living in villages and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a number of Panchayats have been granted the facilities of satellite communication (SATCOM), if so, the State/ Union Territory-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have allotted funds to create SATCOM facilities for various States, if so, the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof during the last two years and current year?

Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

3598. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) along with their sharing pattern implemented in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(b) the details of amount released to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh separately during 2015-16 and 2016-17 under various CSSs?

Achievement of targets under seventeen points for sustainable development

†3599. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an

appropriate scheme has not been formulated at Central and State level, so far for achieving the targets fixed under seventeen points prescribed under sustainable development goals;

(b) whether it is a fact that it would be beneficial to formulate a special scheme at Central and State level for achieving the targets on the said seventeen points by year 2030; and

(c) if so, the steps Government would take in this direction and by when?

Report on elimination of poverty

3600. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any report on elimination of poverty in the country;

(b) if so, the proposals, suggestions and strategic anti-poverty programme therein;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the base income of the family has been fixed against the 7th Pay Commission and the details of BPL families as on 31st December, 2016 State-wise?

Hydro power projects in Arunachal Pradesh

3601. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) for hydro power projects signed between 1999 to 2016 in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the current stage of each under consideration project; and

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(c) the potential/capacity of electricity that could be generated in the State from its many fast-flowing Himalayan rivers?

Improvement of Badarpur Power Plant

3602. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Badarpur Power Plant of NTPC is the most polluting power plant of the country;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to improve environmental performance and energy efficiency of this power plant?

Mismatch in coal distribution to power plants

3603. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some efficient power stations are facing coal shortage at present while plants with low utilization are possessing abundant fuel;

(b) whether under the new norms, the landed cost of power from the private power station should be lower than the variable cost of generation of the power generating plant of the State;

(c) whether in cases where Railways find that transfer of coal to a private power station is not feasible, then that plant would not be eligible to participate in bidding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Villages electrified in Chhattisgarh

†3604. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year and the number of villages yet to be electrified in the State;

(b) whether any proposal for electrification of villages is pending from Chhattisgarh Government and if so, the details thereof and by when these pending proposals are likely to be approved;

(c) the number of BPL families which would be provided free power connections under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana in the State; and

(d) the details of the amount spent under this scheme in the State during the year 2015-16 and the current year?

Power capacity vis-a-vis demand

3605. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's current installed capacity of 3,14,642 MW and projects under construction are expected to meet the country's electricity demand by 2026;

(b) whether NTPC's thermal stations are registering a low plant load factor;

(c) whether NTPC has surplus power and is now looking at electric vehicle market to set up charging stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Lowering of coal stocks by thermal power plants

3606. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether thermal power stations are lowering the stock amount of coal used for electricity generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the share of imported coal in power plants is also falling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Project

3607. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the originally scheduled date for commissioning of NTPC's Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Project in Uttarakhand;

(b) the reasons for inordinate delay in commissioning of the project along with cost escalation; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for early execution of the project?

Coverage of electricity

3608. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 20 per cent Indians have no electricity and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government has plans to provide electricity to all and if so, the timeline for the same; and

(c) the details of households where electricity has reached since 2014 till date, State/UT-wise?

Per capita power consumption

3609. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita consumption of power is lowest in India when compared to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to motivate the people for the use of alternative renewable energy sources instead of hydrocarbon sources of energy?

Advanced technology based thermal power plants

3610. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's power generation over the next few decades will continue to depend heavily on coal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether an advanced ultra super critical technology R&D project has been approved by Government for coal based power plants; and

(c) if so, the objectives thereof and the progress made in implementation of the project?

NTPC's entry into electric vehicle sector

3611. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is planning to enter into electric vehicle sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NTPC is planning to make joint venture for the manufacture of electric vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental hazards of LED bulbs

3612. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to extend LED bulbs to local bodies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey conducted has found that large scale use of LED bulbs is environmentally hazardous; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Farming land acquired for four laning of NH-82

†3613. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether land of farmers of Barat Tola, Village Shivganj, Panchayat Varat, Block Meskor, District Nawada, Bihar is being acquired for four laning of National Highway-82;

(b) whether Government is taking action for providing compensation for acquiring the land of these farmers;

(c) whether the district administration has acquired the land violating the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013 and the work has been started by the company/contractor on the land without paying compensation to the farmers; and

(d) if so, the steps that will be taken by Government for providing relief to the farmers?

Removal of black spots on NHs in Andhra Pradesh

3614. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine road accident black spots on National Highways in Andhra Pradesh have been identified based on fatalities from 2011 onwards and up to 2014;

(b) if so, the details of black spots on each of the National Highways identified, National Highway-wise;

(c) what steps Ministry has taken to remove these black spots; and

(c) the status of road accidents, on black spots from 2014 to December, 2016?

Annual road construction target

3615. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has set an ambitious target of building 15,000 KMs. of roads annually;

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

(c) whether Government has set such annual targets during previous years also;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the results achieved therein; and

(e) the effective steps taken/being taken by Government to achieve the targets set in and the sections of NHs which are being given top priority in this regard?

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Four laning of Ranchi-Gumla road

3616. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ranchi to Gumla road has heavy traffic; and

(b) whether Government is planning to convert this two lane road into a four lane road and if so, by when?

Land acquired for National Highways

3617. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure adopted by Government for acquiring land for construction of National Highways;

(b) how much land has been acquired in Odisha and what are the norms set by Government to expand the construction of National Highways in that State;

(c) whether adequate compensation has been paid to those whose land has been acquired for the construction of National Highways; and

(d) if not, the details of such cases pending for the last three years and the amount of compensation, not yet paid, year-wise?

Highway Advisory Services on NH-3

3618. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to extend the Highway Advisory Services to provide traffic updates, which has been introduced in Delhi-Jaipur stretch;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how far this system has been successful in reducing the congestion and accidents on the highways; and

(d) whether Government has plans to introduce this system in stretches of highways in South India including Kerala?

Permission for ride sharing in private cars

3619. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to allow private cars to share rides with component of monetary incentive attached;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to evolve a regulatory mechanism in this regard in order to reduce growing congestion and pollution?

Development and improvement of NHs in Uttar Pradesh

†3620. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways across the country, as on date;

(b) whether the Central Government has allocated funds to many States for the development and repair of National Highways during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the amount of funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh by the Central Government for the maintenance of National Highways during the above period and till date?

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IMG for emergency landing facilities on NHs

3621. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to form an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Group (IMG) to achieve the objective of setting up emergency landing facilities along all major National Highway corridors;

(b) which Ministries will be a part of IMG; and

(c) so far, how many stretches have been identified in various parts of the country that may double up as air strips, which will provide connectivity in difficult places?

Mechanism for assessing State Road Transport Corporation

3622. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any Public Transport Policy outlining some basic approaches towards State Road Transport Corporations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) in which States the respective Governments have closed down State Road Transport Corporations and in which States these corporations have stopped making losses, if any; and

(c) whether Government has any mechanism in place for periodically assessing the performance of State Road Transport Corporations?

Status of proposals from Rajasthan

3623. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from Rajasthan for development of roads/National Highways including bridges, expressways, by-passes and ring roads during 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the projects alongwith the funds sanctioned/allocated/utilized, project-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any action on these proposals;

(d) if not, the reasons for rejecting the proposals; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government for early disposal of above proposals and previous pending projects and by when the work on these projects is likely to be started/completed?

Accidents on National Highways

†3624. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on National and State Highways across the country during the year 2015 and the number of persons injured and persons killed therein;

(b) whether majority of people who lost their lives, were two-wheeler drivers;

(c) whether Government has gathered information about cause of such accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether drunken driving is also one of the causes of accidents; and

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(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to bring down the number of accidents?

Construction of bypasses

3625. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bypasses which have been sanctioned by Government;

(b) by when they will be completed; and

(c) what is the progress in construction of bypass at Gumla, Jharkhand?

Projects under NHDP in Karnataka

3626. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved many highway projects in Karnataka under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP);

(b) if so, the number of highways projects taken up under NHDP in the State; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and the status of implementation of all projects in the State?

Transportation projects in Ranchi and Ahmedabad

3627. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Governments of Jharkhand and Gujarat seeking financial assistance for vital transportation projects in Ranchi and Ahmedabad;

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

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

Collection of toll at toll booths

3628. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all privatised toll booths involving foreign and local private players, State-wise and NH-wise;

(b) the details of total revenue collected from tolls during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the average rate of toll on National Highways during above period; and

(d) the details of all private partners who are offering their services to Government for upkeep of National Highways?

Highways without service roads

3629. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any law/rule for introducing highways without service roads in India;

(b) the reasons for charging toll fee from village people who are staying near the toll roads;

(c) the reasons for not providing service roads for the villages near the toll roads; and

(d) the details of highways without service roads in Gujarat?

Measures to reduce accidents on expressways

3630. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the increase in fatal accidents on expressways due to high speed and poor road worthiness of the vehicles, the Ministry will consider a mandatory check up of vehicles before getting on to expressways;

(b) if so, by when the Ministry will examine and implement such proposals; and

(c) if not, what other measure the Ministry will suggest in order to avoid/minimize such fatal road accidents on expressways to save precious human lives?

Road accidents in the country

3631. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the data of fatalities and injuries in road accidents in India during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to make highways safer and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce the Road Transport and Safety Bill and if so, the details and timeline thereof?

Status of Belgaum-Khanapur NH-4

3632. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, the work on Belgaum-Khanapur NH-4 commenced in 2012 with an estimated cost of ₹ 360 crore and was to be completed by July, 2014;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the project is still languishing;

(c) what would be the cost overrun of the project due to delay of more than two years; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

National Highway Projects under PPP mode in Karnataka

3633. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven National Highway projects have been undertaken on PPP mode in Karnataka by Government;

(b) if so, the details of each of these projects along with the cost of construction and the cost of land acquisition and the area of land required for the project; and

(c) the present status of each of the above project, project-wise, and by when the projects are going to be completed?

Highways and road projects in Punjab

3634. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any projects for construction of roads/highways in Punjab particularly in Amritsar since May, 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the proposed/schemes to be introduced in Punjab?

Compensation for land acquired under PMGSY

3635. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation is being paid to affected people/parties as a result of land acquired for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date, State/UT-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the payment is likely to be made to them?

constructed in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the targets have been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, year-wise and district-wise;

(d) whether rural roads so constructed are as per the Road Manual of the Ministry and specifications of the Indian Roads Congress; and

(e) the funds allocated, released and spent during the above period so far, year-wise and district-wise?

Achievements under PMGSY

3636. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) it was targeted to connect 65,000 eligible habitations to the rest of the country through roads and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether during the Financial Year 2016-17 ₹ 19,000 crore was sanctioned for PMGSY; and

(c) whether the target of 15,000 habitations was assigned for Financial Year 2016-17 and till December, 2016 only 6,337 habitations were connected and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for shortfall in achieving target?

Construction of rural roads in Andhra Pradesh

3637. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads targeted to be

Implementation of PURA

3638. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far the implementation of the scheme of Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) has been successful, State-wise; and

(b) the funds allocated through various sources for PURA during the last three years, State-wise?

Houses for homeless people in villages

†3639. SHRI LAL SINH VODODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeless people in villages of the country, as on date;

(b) the number of people who have been provided with houses by Government during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 till date;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to ensure houses for all in the entire country; and

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

Status of land degradation

3640. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 37 per cent of country's area is affected by land degradation such as soil acidity, soil and wind erosion and mining waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

Labour material ratio under MGNREGA

3641. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 60:40 ratio of labour and material for funding for MGNREGA is being updated to allow for greater infrastructure spending;

(b) if so, the details on the ratio between labour and material for MGNREGA in the new scheme; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal or consultation for the same and the reasons therefor?

Cultivable wasteland in Andhra Pradesh

3642. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cultivable wasteland in Andhra Pradesh in the last five years,

district-wise, with a particular reference to Visakhapatnam and year-wise;

(b) whether Ministry has made any efforts for development of vegetative cover in the cultivable wasteland; and

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

Jobs under MGNREGA after demonetisation

3643. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in view of large scale reverse migration from urban to rural areas as a consequence of demonetisation, what are the steps being taken by Government to increase jobs under MGNREGA to provide employment;

(b) the details of the number of people demanding jobs under MGNREGA since the 8th November, 2016, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the number of people who have received jobs under the scheme since the 8th November, 2016, State-wise?

Houses constructed under PMAY-G

†3644. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in Madhya Pradesh during last two years and the current year;

(b) the criteria laid down for construction of houses under the scheme; and

(c) the number of houses proposed to

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be built in Madhya Pradesh during next financial year and the steps being taken for construction of these houses and the time line laid down therefor?

Drop in the number of people trained under DDUGKY

3645. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a drop in the number of people trained under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY) over the past two years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of number of people trained under the scheme during the last two years;

(c) whether Government is monitoring the placement rates of the people after completion of training and if so, the details regarding the mechanism in place to ensure 100 per cent job guarantee, if any; and

(d) the details of the amount sanctioned and spent on this scheme during the last two years, State-wise?

RSETIs in Assam

3646. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the project for livelihoods and full employment; and

(b) the list of Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) in Assam with the name of the sponsor bank, district-wise?

Funds allocated under PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

3647. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and spent under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the details of road projects under PMGSY completed during the said period in the State, project-wise; and

(c) the details of ongoing/pending works under PMGSY in the State?

Roads constructed under PMGSY

3648. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rural roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of maintenance work done for these roads during that period, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on construction and maintenance of roads during that period?

Scheme for conservation of barren land

3649. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land allocated to mining companies turns into barren land after carrying out mining activities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has assessed the price of barren land;

(c) whether Government has any scheme for conservation of such barren land;

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

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Grievance redressal mechanism under MGNREGA

3650. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps are being taken to address the complaints about procedural lapses, delays in disbursal of funds and absence of a grievance redressal mechanism in implementation of MGNREGA; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Publishing of SECC list for Odisha

3651. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to immediately sort out the problems in software for publishing final list of Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011 of Odisha;

(b) if so, by when it would be sorted out; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Workdays under MGNREGA

†3652. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days for which work

has been allocated on an average and per day wage rate at which such work is allocated under MGNREGA and the amount spent on it during last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the detail of various infrastructural works listed under MGNREGA; and

(c) the maximum number of workdays demanded under MGNREGA and the steps taken to provide work all through the year?

Social security scheme for poor and disadvantaged sections

3653. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implements programmes for social security of poor and disadvantaged sections of the society and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated/ released/utilised for this purpose along with the number of beneficiaries during the last two years and this year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has discontinued some of social security schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in MGNREGA

3654. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to improve employment generation under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA); and

(b) if so, the details of demand and

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supply under MGNREGA in the previous year, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to include women under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds for rural development and poverty alleviation schemes

3655. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund allocated, released and utilised by the States under various rural development and poverty alleviation schemes during 2016-17 so far, Scheme-wise and State/UT-wise including Haryana;

(b) the achievements made during the said period under each scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of people belonging to all categories including Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) benefited under each of these schemes, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure optimum utilisation of funds and completion of works in time?

Completion of Container Terminal at Tuticorin Port

3656. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is still unable to complete the project of converting berth no. 8 at V.O.C. Port Tuticorin into Container Terminal which was started many years ago with a time-frame of completing the projects in 18 months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to complete this project in order to commence container handling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

River transport in the country

3657. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has drawn plans to facilitate transport of goods and passenger traffic through river Ganga, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any feasibility studies for similar riverine transport through other rivers have been undertaken, if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for SFAP

3658. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently approved a set of guidelines for implementing the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SFAP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a provision to provide financial assistance to Indian shipyards for shipbuilding contracts in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether institutional mechanism created for redressal of grievance arising out of implementation of the policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the projection of shipbuilding activities during the next ten years in the country, as compared to the last three years?

Contributions from private pool workers of VPT

3659. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dock Labour Board, Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) has collected contributions from workers for the welfare of private pool workers since 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that VPT has also authorized the Stevedores Association to form a separate charitable trust for the very same purpose;

(c) what was the legal basis for VPT to allow two separate bodies to collect money for the very same purpose;

(d) whether consequently there has been a massive leakage and loss of huge sums of money meant for welfare of workers; and

(e) the details of status on this issue at VPT?

Status of development of inland waterways as national waterways

3660. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set and progress made in the development of inland waterways in the country and the roadblocks identified in this regard along with the steps taken by Government to remove them;

(b) whether Government has prepared any scheme for the development of inland waterways as national waterways;

(c) if so, the names of rivers declared as national waterways in the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and

(d) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated for the development of these waterways and the types of development envisaged for the national waterways in various States including Gujarat?

Increasing shipping service

3661. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers using shipping services all over the country (domestic/international);

(b) if so, whether many of the passenger ships are losing its passengers, due to low air fare; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase utilization of shipping for domestic and international services?

Cabotage Law relaxation for container shipping sector

3662. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) what is Cabotage Law;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to Cabotage Law container ships are facing problems at ports in the country including at ports in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the reasons for giving relaxation of this law for only one year;

(d) whether it is also a fact that container shipping sector is requesting for giving relaxation under Cabotage Law for some time now; and

(e) if so, what constraints the Ministry is facing to accede to their request?

Salinity in rivers

3663. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-wise details about the intrusion of high salinity in the upstream flow of various rivers are available;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of rivers and districts which are affected by the intrusion of high salinity into rivers;

(c) whether any concrete proposals are under consideration to address the issue; and

(d) whether any specific funds are available to address the issue?

Water storage in Pulichintala reservoir

3664. 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 Andhra Pradesh was not permitted to store water in Pulichintala project to its full capacity due to objections from Telangana State, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) full capacity of Pulichintala reservoir and water stored and released during the last two years?

National awareness on arsenic contamination in groundwater

3665. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a plan to meet the challenges of arsenic contamination in groundwater in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent need to start a nationwide movement to make people aware of arsenic contamination;

(d) whether Government has urged individuals and NGOs to join Government in this task; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of old water bodies in Rajasthan

3666. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal from Rajasthan Government for inclusion of Detailed Project Report (DPR) in the forthcoming meeting of Empowered Committee of Ministry;

(b) if so, action taken as regards old water bodies for rehabilitation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing of groundwater level in Tamil Nadu

3667. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government got prepared hydro-geo-morphological maps of all States including the States of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether details regarding alarmingly low level of groundwater level came to the notice of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and remedial steps proposed by Government to increase the level of groundwater?

DPR for Pancheshwar dam

†3668. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a DPR (Detailed Project Report) for Pancheshwar dam, proposed to be built in Pancheshwar of Uttarakhand, has been prepared;

(b) if so, the number of villages and families expected to be sub-merged under catchment areas;

(c) the place where these families under catchment areas are proposed to be relocated by Government; and

(d) whether these families would be rehabilitated at the land held by State Government or the Central Government, the details thereof?

National Aquifer Mapping Programme

3669. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Aquifer Mapping Programme of the Central Groundwater Board, special attention has been given to the aspect of arsenic contamination;

(b) whether it is also a fact that water wells have also been constructed tapping arsenic free acidifiers using state-of-the-art technology in many parts of the country;

(c) whether this issue was discussed during a daylong workshop on the above matter; and

(d) if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting?

Implementation of deliberations of India Water Week

3670. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the decisions taken by Government, along with status of implementation, after deliberations in the 'India Water Week', held in New Delhi in April, 2016;

(b) whether 'India Water Week' will again be held in 2017; and

(c) if so, the details of the same, along with details of the countries that are expected to participate?

Irrigation facilities in NER under PMKSY

3671. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) the number of irrigation facilities, ponds and wells improved and created under the PMKSY; and

(c) the number of irrigation facilities, ponds and wells improved and created in the States of North Eastern Region under PMKSY?

Optimal use of water resources in the country

3672. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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due to lack of rains, number of minor irrigation tanks have gone dry in the country, including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government has any proposal to supply water from major irrigation tanks to minor irrigation tanks to ensure drinking water availability during the summer season;

(c) if so, the response of Government in this regard; and

(d) the details along with the steps taken for the optimal use of water resources in the country?

Status of funds and projects under PMKSY

3673. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was transferred to the Ministry in the mid of financial year 2016-17, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 2,340 crores was allocated for 800,000 hectares under micro irrigation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether with 50 per cent of the fund only 236,000 hectares have received the benefits, if so, the reasons for miscalculation in allocation of funds; and

(d) the State/UT-wise details regarding status of projects and additional funds required if any, along with the details of remaining projects and capital required?

National Conference on Dam Safety

3674. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Conference on Dam Safety was held recently;

(b) if so, the details of the issues which came up in the conference and plan of action mooted therein for the safety of the dams and for replacement of very old dams in the country; and

(c) whether the conference had identified very old dams susceptible to mishaps, if so, the details thereof?

IIT report on revival of river Ganga

3675. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the March, 2015 report prepared by the IITs for the revival of the river Ganga;

(b) the action taken and total fund utilised for Ganga rejuvenation during the last three years;

(c) the details of under construction and currently functioning sewage treatment plants alongside river; and

(d) the mechanism of monitoring of industrial units along the river?

Water harvesting system

3676. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed any schemes to develop indigenous water

harvesting system for the conservation of (b) if so, the details thereof, State and
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