

## 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; Human Resource  
Development; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power;  
Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping;  
Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)**

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Proposals to open new coal mines**

1441. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any proposals to open new coal mines soon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these new coal mines would be helpful in curbing the coal imports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Tariff based competitive bidding for auctioning of coal linkages**

1442. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working out on any plan/proposal to introduce tariff based competitive bidding for auctioning of coal linkages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether Government is considering to allow State run companies in the unregulated sectors comprising of steel, cement and fertilizer industries to bid for CIL linkages or fuel supply pacts like their private sector counterparts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Auctioning of coal blocks in Jharkhand**

1443. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) out of the coal blocks auctioned by Government, how many were from Jharkhand;
- (b) the total amount of auction that is to accrue to Government from this auction;
- (c) whether the entire amount would be transferred to the State Government; and
- (d) if so, how much of the auction proceeds already received have been

transferred to the State Government during the financial year 2014-15?

#### **Theft and black marketing of coal**

†1444. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the loss due to theft and black marketing of coal; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to check such black marketing of coal?

(a) whether Government has completed the bidding process of allocation of coal block located at Amrapara block in Pakur district, Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of the bidding process and the price;

(c) whether any commercial taxes prior to bidding were due to Government by the allottee;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the said coal block is operational at present or not?

#### **Production of coal**

1445. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual production of coal has not increased in the country during 2014-15, as predicted by Government;

(b) the details of year-on-year production of coal in the country since 2010;

(c) how much actual proceeds have been received by Government in the recent coal auction;

(d) the details of actual amount generated from the proceedings of coal auction including that of West Bengal, State-wise; and

(e) the details of number of coal mines already auctioned till date, State-wise?

#### **Ban on coal mining**

1447. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ban on coal mining in certain States by Government has affected the livelihood of mine owners, truck owners, coal labourers and other sections;

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

(c) whether Government has received any representations by the State Governments or other organisations regarding the impact of ban on affected parties and economy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to rehabilitate the affected parties and to regulate the ban so that economy of the region is not affected?

#### **Completion of bidding of coal block in Jharkhand**

1446. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

#### **Accidents of mine workers**

1448. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coal mine

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workers involved in accidents during the last three years;

(b) the amount of compensation disbursed to the victims of accidents; and

(c) the causes for the accidents in each case?

#### **Drinking water and sanitation facilities in Uttarakhand**

1449. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in rural areas of Uttarakhand without drinking water facilities, district-wise;

(b) the number of villages in rural areas of the State without sanitation facilities, district-wise; and

(c) the details of roadmap chalked out by Government to provide all the villages with drinking water and sanitation facilities?

#### **Shortage of drinking water in NER**

1450. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the rural districts in the country are facing acute shortage of drinking water due to arsenic and fluoride contamination in ground water, especially in North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has received proposals from these States seeking financial assistance to provide safe drinking water facilities;

(d) if so, the details of funds released, so far, State-wise;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Drinking water facilities in hilly areas of West Bengal**

1451. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of villages in hilly areas of West Bengal do not have drinking water facilities;

(b) whether it is a fact that water resources have dried up due to rapid infrastructure development and digging for laying of roads;

(c) whether Government understands the massive problem it created for the common man; and

(d) the details of remedial steps that would be taken to supply safe drinking water?

#### **Providing safe drinking water to islands**

1452. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages are yet to be provided safe drinking water; and

(b) what is the status of availability of safe drinking water in islands like Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep?

#### **Funds allocated to Bihar**

1453. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Bihar during

the current financial year for providing safe drinking water in rural areas of the State under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) the names of districts in which this programme is being implemented;

(c) whether any committee has been constituted for the success of this programme; and

(d) if so, the composition thereof?

#### **Providing clean toilets to every citizen**

1454. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 600 million people defecate in the open and the resultant impact of bad sanitation is estimated at ₹ 2.4 lakh crore annually, according to a group of experts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to a group of experts Government is primarily responsible for implementing the ambitious project to provide clean toilets to every citizen;

(c) whether the average cost of an individual toilet for a family of six works out to ₹ 20,000 for a period of five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Allocation for safe drinking water in rural areas**

1455. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR  
SINGH:

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

(a) whether allocations for safe drinking

water in rural areas have been decreased during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the allocations made for safe drinking water during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for sharp decline in allocation for safe drinking water in rural areas during 2014-15; and

(d) how Government would provide safe drinking water in arsenic and fluoride affected rural areas with decreased allocation?

#### **Habitations covered under piped water supply in Odisha**

1456. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 905 habitations out of 2,355 in Nuapada district of Odisha are affected by fluoride; and

(b) the number of habitations covered under piped water supply and those left over to be covered under the World Bank Regional PWS Scheme in the State?

#### **Open defecation**

1457. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to achieve the Twelfth Five Year Plan targets that 50 per cent of the Gram Panchayats in India attain Nirmal Gram status and that the Panchayats attain full sanitation coverage and complete elimination of the practice of open defecation, by the year 2017; and

(b) the details of progress achieved so far, State-wise?

**Curriculum framing project in  
NCERT**

1458. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government has any proposal to change curriculum framing project in NCERT and if so, the details thereof?

**Rameswaram-Thalaimannar  
Highway**

1459. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is having a time-bound programme to construct Rameswaram-Thalaimannar (Sri Lanka) Highway under finance from the Asian Development Bank; and

(b) if so, whether shipping transport would also be taken care of as it is done between Mandapam and Rameswaram?

**DBT in JRF scheme**

1460. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has started Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of students benefiting from the scheme during the year 2014-15;

(c) how much time UGC takes to credit

the fellowship amount in the students' accounts including the time taken by the nodal banks;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is delay in the disbursal of fellowship due to non-allocation of budget;

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

(f) the State-wise details of JRF fellowship disbursed during the Financial Year 2014-15?

**Research and Innovation  
Bill, 2012**

1461. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Universities for Research and Innovation Bill, 2012 wherein 14 universities for research and innovation were proposed to be set up, had lapsed on the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to reintroduce the said Bill afresh;

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

(d) by when the new Bill is likely to be introduced?

**Dual education system**

†1462. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge gap has been created between the poor and the rich because of the dual education system in the country; and

(b) whether Government would

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consider doing away with the dual education system and providing equal opportunity of education in order to fill this gap and if so, by when?

#### **Couple case transfer policy of KVS**

1463. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) with regard to its employees whose spouse is working in a different Government organization and is transferable;

(b) whether any effort is made to ensure that the husband and wife are posted in the same area of duty station or nearby, so that the family is not disturbed; and

(c) the details of cases where the spouse has not been transferred to the same station, despite submitting written requests, with reasons?

#### **Teacher-students ratio**

1464. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act and its rules stipulate that teacher-students ratio at lower and upper primary levels have to be 1:30 and 1:35;

(b) whether it is a fact that these stipulations are not observed even in schools run by Central Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such crowding of classes is one important reason for low quality of teaching and general low standard of students; and

(d) whether Central Government would set a model in implementing the objective of RTE Act for improving quality of general education?

#### **Quality check guidelines for MDMS**

1465. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place quality check guidelines for Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in schools in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of mechanism evolved by Government to ensure proper implementation of the guidelines; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not having such guidelines?

#### **Resignations of eminent personalities**

†1466. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the resignations of four eminent personalities like Anil Kakodkar during the last eight months have raised questions and whether these persons have resigned under pressure of the Ministry and if not, the reasons for their resignations;

(b) whether a pressure was exerted on these persons to submit resignations, so as to appoint preferred persons;

(c) the reasons why a probe was not conducted if their activities were suspicious and if an inquiry was conducted, the details thereof; and

(d) whether credibility and autonomy of the institution is not impacted due to the resignations of such persons?

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### Salaries of IIT faculties

1467. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether professors and deans at IITs earn a pittance as compared to faculties engaged by coaching institutes in Kota and elsewhere; and

(b) whether salaries of IIT faculty start at ₹ 10-11 lakh per annum for professors and ₹ 25 lakh per annum for deans whereas Kota coaching institutes hire faculty at more than ₹ 1.00 crore per annum and if so, the details thereof?

### Dropout rates of students

1468. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a survey to find out the dropout rates of students in primary, secondary and higher secondary level;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof in case of boys and girls during the last three years; and

(c) the details of reasons for dropouts and the steps taken by Government to reduce the number of dropout?

### Ranking of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1469. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are presently working in various

States of the country, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is making any rankings of these KVs based on the performances of the Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise/zone-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor wherein it may be mentioned as to whether Government has such plans in the near future?

### Launching of Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan

1470. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA) has been launched in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said Abhiyan;

(c) whether RAA helps the effort of Government to boost the Prime Minister's vision of "Digital India", 'Make in India' and 'Teach in India' in the country and if so, the details in this regard;

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to bring awareness among school children; and

(e) the details of funds allocated for implementation of the said Abhiyan and the criteria fixed for allocation of such funds to implementation agencies?

**Poor status of sports in schools**

1471. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor status of sports in schools across the country;

(b) whether Government plans to initiate a nation wide campaign to include sports as part of school curriculum and improve sports infrastructure in schools; and

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

**Filling up of vacancies of professors**

†1472. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vacant posts of professors in central universities are not being filled up over the years so as to help private institutes flourish;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, by when these vacant posts would be filled up; and

(c) whether the fall in academic standards of central universities doesn't seem to be because of shortage of professors?

**Reduction of funds for NCERT**

1473. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has reduced funds for the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and if so, the rationale behind it?

**Attendance of teachers and quality of teaching**

1474. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has got any mechanism to ensure attendance of teachers and also quality of their teaching in Government run schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has assessed the productivity of teachers;

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

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

**SC/ST category posts in IITs**

1475. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IITs in the country, as on date;

(b) out of the total number of IITs' posts, teaching as well as non-teaching, which are earmarked for SC/ST category;

(c) whether all the posts earmarked for SC/ST category has been duly filled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, IIT-wise and if not, the reasons for not filling those posts?

**Higher education for Muslims and OBCs**

1476. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALLYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the schemes and programmes of Government for ensuring the higher education within the reach of Muslims and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) of society; and

(b) to what extent Government is succeeding in this regard?

#### **Installation of jammers in examination centres**

1477. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently directed the Government to install jammers at examination centres to prevent cheating in examinations and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken on the directive of the apex court?

#### **Assessment and implementation of CCE**

1478. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sub-Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) constituted for assessment and implementation of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in the context of "no detention" provision has submitted its recommendations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has accepted all the recommendations;

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

(d) the further course of action taken by Government to implement the recommendations accepted by it?

#### **Reduction in allocation for school education**

†1479. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been 10 per cent reduction in allocation for school education due to approximately 2 per cent cut in the education budget in the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether the school education is being affected by the additional financial burden on States; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that school education is not affected?

#### **Mechanism to check quality in universities and colleges**

1480. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism in place at Central level to check the deteriorating quality of higher education in State universities and colleges; and

(b) what steps the Centre would take or is contemplating to stop the deteriorating condition of higher education in State universities and colleges?

#### **Heritage status to colleges**

1481. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has granted heritage status to a number of colleges in the country;

(b) if so, how many colleges have been

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granted the status and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the amount of money given to those colleges?

**Opening of tribal university in Chhattisgarh**

†1482. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chhattisgarh Government has sent many letters to the Centre for opening a tribal university; and

(b) whether, in spite of Centre's projections that one lakh tribal students are not available in those areas, directions would be given to open a tribal university in the interest of tribals?

**Selection of new Directors of IITs, IIMs and VCs of central universities**

1483. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Directors and Vice Chancellors have been appointed to many IITs, IIMs and central universities;

(b) if so, the mode of selection and qualifying norms; and

(c) the proposed steps to fill the existing vacancies of Vice Chancellors of the central universities and Directors of institutes of national excellence?

**Norms for nutritional content of food under MDMS**

1484. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines laid down by Government prescribing norms for nutritional content/value of food being served under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), food item-wise;

(b) whether the mid-day meal samples, taken during the last three years, failed the nutritional value test;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of food samples lifted and the number out of which found to have less nutritional value than the prescribed norms, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) the action taken by Government against those found guilty?

**Reservation for admission of disabled students**

1485. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made some reservation for admission of disabled students in the primary and higher education in the country;

(b) whether this percentage quota is far less than the requirements/needs of such disabled students;

(c) whether a demand has been made for an increase in such quota; and

(d) whether disabled-friendly facilities have been provided in such schools to help students and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Standardization of yoga education**

1486. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted/proposes to constitute any expert panel/committee for the standardization of yoga education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognized yoga in the form of a full fledged curriculum at graduate and post graduate level and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of full-time/part-time courses being run for preparing yoga instructor for universities/colleges?

### **Children in Government schools of Delhi**

†1487. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of children in Government schools of Delhi are decreasing continuously and the details thereof during the last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that attendance of enrolled students is also getting decreased;

(c) whether low quality of mid-day-meal may be a reason behind it; and

(d) the details of samples of mid-day-meal in that State got failed in terms of

nutrition during the last five years and the actual status thereof?

### **Separate toilets for boys and girls in schools of Tamil Nadu**

1488. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools having separate toilets for boys and girls in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether there is a provision for disabled friendly toilets in Government schools and Government aided schools in that State and if so, the details thereof?

### **Essay competition on Saint Thiruvalluvar**

1489. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, recently UGC is said to have issued instructions to colleges to conduct Essay competitions on the life of Saint Thiruvalluvar;

(b) if so, how many colleges in which region/regions were instructed and how many of those conducted the competition as per instructions; and

(c) whether Government is planning to induct the life story and message of Thirukkural in the syllabus of North Indian schools and colleges for enhancing national unity?

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### **Schools imparting computer education**

†1490. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and Government-aided secondary and higher secondary schools in the country where computer education is being imparted, State-wise;

(b) the number of such schools, where there is no supply of electricity or the electricity supply is erratic and the means by which supply of electricity is ensured to operate computers in such schools, State-wise; and

(c) the total number of such schools, where either computer education is not being imparted due to dearth of computer teachers or the computer education is being imparted by engaging computer teachers from outside, State-wise?

### **Dress code for AIPMT**

1491. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has prescribed a dress code for students appearing in the All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT);

(b) whether CBSE has conducted any study/survey or consulted the State Governments before coming up with the dress code;

(c) what is the rationale for that decision;

(d) whether it is a fact that several

Muslim girls have objected to the code since it prohibits them from wearing a headscarf to the examination hall; and

(e) if so, whether Government considers directing CBSE to roll back the exam dress code?

### **Vacancies of Vice Chancellors in Telangana**

1492. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that many posts of Vice Chancellors are lying vacant particularly in Telangana; and

(b) whether the Centre would intervene to ensure that these posts are filled up early in order to facilitate smooth functioning of these centres of higher learning?

### **Gender sensitisation in school curriculum and textbooks**

1493. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken measures to incorporate gender sensitisation in school curriculum and textbooks;

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

(c) whether Government has taken measures to include gender module for teachers during pre service and post service training; and

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

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**Status of National Institute of  
Technology, Goa**

1494. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Technology is functioning in Goa;
- (b) the number of seats sanctioned, so far and the criteria for admission prescribed;
- (c) whether the land required for the purpose has been identified/acquired;
- (d) the area proposed to be acquired and the village or town from where the land is proposed to be acquired;
- (e) the proposed amount expected to be spent on acquisition of land, construction of buildings and other related work, item-wise; and
- (f) the source of funding for the project?

**Separate toilets for boys and girls in  
schools**

1495. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has said in his address to the nation on the Independence Day last year that there should be separate toilets for girls and boys in schools;
- (b) if so, what is the status of progress;
- (c) whether the Ministry has dispatched 300 senior officials of the rank of Director and Deputy Secretary to States for spot inspection of toilets in schools; and
- (d) if so, the details of their reports, suggestions and utilization of funds?

**Foreign educational institutions in  
the country**

1496. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noticed about the Foreign Educational Institutions working directly or indirectly in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has noticed about the advertisements published in the country to attract and admit Indian students; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has any schemes to check fraudulent activity in this sector and if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in seats for undergraduate  
programmes in Delhi University**

1497. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry intends to increase the number of seats in Delhi University for undergraduate programmes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Ministry intends to introduce a new criterion of eligibility for undergraduate programmes in Government funded universities other than the required minimum percentage marks and if so, the details thereof?

**Vice Chancellors of universities**

1498. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Central and State universities are there in the country today, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) how many Vice Chancellors of these universities belong to the SCs, STs and the OBCs;

(c) whether the proportion is satisfactory; and

(d) if not, what steps the Ministry would take to improve the situation?

#### **Duration of B.Ed. course**

1499. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that B.Ed. course duration has been increased from one year to two years;

(b) whether there is any increase in syllabus; and

(c) whether yoga has been withdrawn from B.Ed. syllabus and if so, why one year course was changed to two year course?

#### **Setting up of IIT in Karnataka**

1500. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any recommendations from State Government for setting up of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

#### **Hiring of EdCIL for MDMS**

1501. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has hired EdCIL, a public sector company, without inviting bids in accordance with CVC guidelines and general financial rules for the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would initiate inquiry into the alleged irregularities and would fix responsibility in this regard;

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

(d) the other measures Government would take to streamline MDMS?

#### **Prescribed quantity of ingredients under MDMS**

1502. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any quantity has been prescribed for various ingredients including pulses, edible oil and vegetables under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the cost of foodgrains and other ingredients including cooking cost decided by Government at national/State level under MDMS; and

(c) whether Government proposes to permit the States to work out the cost of various items as per prevailing rates and also meet 75 per cent of the actual expenditure incurred by the States on the items included in cooking cost and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fake EWS certificates for admission**

1503. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news article in the Business Standard on 18th June, 2015 regarding fake EWS certificates procured for school admission in Delhi under Economically Weakers Section (EWS) category;

(b) whether there is any data available on fraudulent admission under EWS category, as per the Right to Education Norms; and

(c) whether the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry has issued any guidelines for schools to verify the applications of students for admission under EWS category, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revision of syllabus and curriculum in central universities**

1504. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for revision of syllabus and curriculum of undergraduate and post graduate courses in central universities;

(b) the number of times Delhi University (DU) has revised the syllabus and curriculum of undergraduate courses, especially English;

(c) whether Government has included English language teaching as a subject apart from English literature in syllabus and curriculum of DU, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for excluding English language teaching as subject in undergraduate/PG courses in central universities, particularly DU?

#### **Fraud cases in education sector**

1505. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has detected many fraud cases in education sector during the last two years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the culprit; and

(c) whether Government is planning to bring more transparent and responsive policy in education sector?

#### **Solar pumping programme**

1506. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of solar pumping programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that over 1.05 lakh solar pumps has been sanctioned to various States, so far and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) how many of them have become functional; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Ministry to provide more and more solar pump sets to farmers?

#### **Setting up of wind energy plants**

1507. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up wind energy plants in the coastal States and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has approved projects to promote wind energy in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Solar energy street lights**

†1508. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to provide solar energy street lights, in view of power crisis in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Central Government releases grant-in-aid to State Governments for providing solar energy street lights and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Target for solar power generation**

1509. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government aims to generate 100 GW of solar power by 2022;

(b) whether it is also a fact that target to set up roof top solar power panels during the last one year is just 1 per cent of the target;

(c) whether it is all due to lack of consumer awareness about roof top solar power panels and also lack of awareness about the subsidy and other facilities given by Government; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry is planning to go ahead in this regard?

#### **Setting up of R & D institutes**

1510. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken measures for setting up of focused, goal driven R & D institutes in the country to attain technology leadership in photovoltaic and other renewable energy technologies and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has started awareness programmes to build consumer awareness about technology, its economics and its right usages?

#### **Investment in solar power generation**

1511. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with an investment of ₹ 6.0 lakh crore, Government is considering to generate 1,00,000 MW of power by 2022 through solar power and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country is poised to become a solar power house and would become the biggest generator of solar power in the world and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Setting up of grid connected solar plants**

1512. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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has approved a plan to set up 2,000 MW grid connected solar capacity this year with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under Phase-II of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the estimated requirement of funds to provide VGF for 2,000 MW capacity is estimated at ₹ 2,100 crore; and

(c) whether the installation of 2,000 MW solar plants would generate about 3,320 million units per year which could power almost one million households?

#### **Roof top solar system**

1513. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of roof top solar system in the country;

(b) whether lack of financial resources is coming in the way of development of this project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether subsidy system has proved ineffective in this project; and

(d) the action plan to bring this project in the right path?

#### **Biogas plants in West Bengal**

1514. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of family type biogas plants installed under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme in West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether there is more potential,

particularly in rural areas, for installation of biogas plants in that State; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the Ministry supplements the efforts of the State Government and also helps the Panchayats in setting up of such plants?

#### **Purchase of energy from solar power plants**

1515. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have signed agreements/contracts with many industrial houses to purchase energy from solar power plants in various parts of the country without competitive bidding;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the cost of power purchase agreements;

(c) whether recent bids for solar projects under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission attracted bids as low as ₹ 7 per unit and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to purchase energy from solar power plants at lower cost?

#### **Devolution of powers to Panchayats**

1516. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased its efforts to promote devolution of powers from States to Panchayats and if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) how far Panchayats in Maharashtra have been benefited by these measures?

### **Revival of State of Panchayats report**

1517. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to revive the biennial State of Panchayats report;

(b) if so, whether Government itself would prepare the report and if not, the institution to which this would be entrusted;

(c) whether the Index of Devolution would be incorporated in the report or continue to be prepared annually; and

(d) whether the steps are being taken on the basis of the Index of Devolution to incentivize States to devolve more powers to Panchayats and promote transparency and accountability in the transactions of Panchayats?

### **Comprehensive developmental activities of Panchayats**

1518. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for comprehensive developmental activities of village Panchayats;

(b) the alternative programmes proposed by Government in this regard; and

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

### **Release of funds under BRGF to Odisha**

1519. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Odisha has submitted the Annual Action Plan under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) of ₹ 396.83 crore for 20 districts to the Ministry for the year 2014-15 against which only ₹ 179.46 crore has been released;

(b) whether there is any proposal to release the balance amount of ₹ 217.37 crore during the current year; and

(c) if so, how soon the funds would be released and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **TPSs at Neyveli, Tamil Nadu**

1520. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) located in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu;

(b) the total installed capacity of those TPSs;

(c) the total power generated by those TPSs since 2011, year-wise;

(d) the State's share in the total power generated by TPSs since 2011, year-wise;

(e) the actual allocation of power made to the State since 2011, year-wise; and

(f) the reasons for discrepancy, if any, in power allocation?

### **SAARC grid**

1521. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any agreement for a SAARC grid for exchange of power between the member nations to enhance the quality, security and magnitude of power supply; and

(b) if so, the details of concrete actions Government is taking in this regard?

**Cost of power generation *vis-à-vis* power tariffs**

1522. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost of generation in thermal and hydro power plants, State-wise;

(b) the existing power tariff per unit for domestic, commercial and industrial consumption, State-wise;

(c) the generation cost in thermal and hydro power plants run by public sector organizations *vis-à-vis* private companies, State-wise; and

(d) the tariff difference between Government/public sector-run electricity supply companies *vis-à-vis* private electric supply companies, State-wise?

**Status of Athena hydel project**

1523. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has rescued Athena hydel project in Sikkim and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project would now be jointly operated by NHPC and the State Government for the next 25 years and if so, the details thereof?

**Financial position of State Electricity Boards**

1524. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of

State Electricity Boards (SEBs) are financially weak and lack the capacity to pay for power generation units;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has planned renovation package of those SEBs;

(c) whether Government has also received any representation from the State Governments seeking for renovation package for financially striving SEBs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Advertisement policy of PGCIL**

1525. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the advertising policy being followed by the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL);

(b) whether PGCIL has given more advertisements to souvenirs, Brochures and un-approved publications as compared to monthly good quality publications;

(c) if so, the details in this regard with the names of souvenirs, brochures and un-approved publications, monthly magazines which were given advertisements with amount paid during the last three financial years; and

(d) whether PGCIL would re-visit the advertisement policy so as to give sufficient advertisement support to small publications specially monthly magazines and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Losses due to load shedding**

1526. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial,

agricultural and other sectors have suffered huge losses due to frequent load shedding in different States during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Financial position of PSEs in the Ministry**

1527. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the reserve and surplus fund of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Power Finance Corporation, Rural Electrification Corporation and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation between 31st March, 2014 to 31st March, 2015;

(b) the debt/equity ratio of these PSEs as on 31st March, 2015;

(c) the investment made during the last three years by the above PSEs; and

(d) the investment plan during the next three years along with the funding pattern, year-wise?

**Passing of fuel cost by UMPPs to consumers**

1528. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the panel appointed by Government for Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) has recommended that the developers would be allowed to pass on the fuel cost to consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the panel has also recommended to invite fuel cost from bidders for the first year while second year onwards it would increase as per a

formula of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Purchase of energy beyond RPO limit**

1529. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by the Central Government to resolve the issue of purchase of excess energy beyond the Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPO) limit, generated from new and renewable energy resources;

(b) by when Government intends to settle this matter; and

(c) whether Government has received any representation from State Government of Gujarat in this regard and if so, the updated status of action taken thereon?

**Plant load factor**

1530. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the overall plant load factor for power plants has declined in the recent years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to augment power generation and distribution?

**Power situation in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

1531. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects operating in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

along with their installed and operating capacity, State-wise;

(b) the details of proposals to set up power projects in these States, with the Central and State Governments during the next three years;

(c) the deficiency or shortage of power during peak period in these States during the last one year, and till June, 2015 month-wise; and

(d) the details of steps taken to meet the deficiency in each State?

#### **Electricity supply to Tamil Nadu**

1532. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of power supplied to Tamil Nadu from the central pool as per the fuel supply agreement and the shortfall in the supply during the last five years;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure the supply of adequate quantity and quality of power to the State during the above period;

(c) whether Government has been facilitating any technological and financial support to the State to get additional power from the central pool; and

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

#### **Power purchase agreements**

†1533. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have entered into a long term power purchase agreements with the power distribution companies and if so, the names

of the States and the per unit cost thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the consumers are facing the burden of higher electricity rates due to the said agreement and if not, the details of the rates at which electricity is being made available by the power plants at present?

#### **Problems in power sector**

1534. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any advisory committee to discuss the issues relating to power sector and to suggest reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this initiative would solve the problems of the sector including the problem of fuel shortage threatening the viability of the sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Progress made by NTPC**

1535. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State-run NTPC has joined a select group of global peers who span the entire fuel chain *i.e.* coal, gas, hydro power and renewable sources for generating greener electricity;

(b) whether it is also a fact the NTPC has recently switched on the last of the four 200 MW units of its first hydel project in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh;

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(c) whether the hydel foray is part of NTPCs diversification plan to widen fuel base; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cost of power supplied from central power stations**

1536. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Government has proposed surrendering 2,200 MW of power it gets from central power stations;

(b) whether this costs ₹ 5 to 8 per unit compared to power available in the market for just ₹ 3 per unit;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Delhi's discoms have been raising the issue of expensive power for years; and

(e) the reasons why the Ministry couldn't act on it?

#### **Review of performance of Regulatory Commissions**

1537. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on power constituted to formulate the programme for development of power sector during the Twelfth Five Year Plan had recommended that through suitable legislative changes, a multi disciplinary body would be constituted comprising of representatives from Centre and States to review the performance of the Regulatory Commissions for further necessary corrective action;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the other steps taken Government for effective regulation of power sector for its total development along with the inclusive growth of citizens and economy?

#### **Implementing of DDU-GJY in Madhya Pradesh**

†1538. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several proposals from Madhya Pradesh Government are under consideration for approval with the Central Government under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDU-GJY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether early decision would be taken regarding the approval of these proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Report of expert panel on UMPPs**

1539. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the companies winning bids for Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) would be allowed to mortgage land and the coal blocks attached to them if Government accepts the recommendations of an expert panel;

(b) whether the expert panel has submitted its report in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the panel has been given the task to review the standard bid documents for 4,000 MW and above projects?

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**Utilisation of funds**

1540. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the undertakings and agencies involved in the National Highway sector have utilized the funds under social obligation;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plans; and

(c) the criteria adopted to spend such funds?

**Work on Mumbai-Goa National Highway**

1541. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:  
DR. BHALCHANDRA  
MUNGEKAR:

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

(a) whether the four laning work on Mumbai-Goa National Highway has been badly delayed;

(b) if so, the details of factors responsible for slow progress of the project;

(c) the steps taken to accelerate the completion of work on this project;

(d) the details of stretches on this highway completed, so far;

(e) by when the work is likely to be completed; and

(f) what is the estimated amount of expenditure on this project?

**Plan to cater to traffic needs**

1542. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government wants to work on a long term plan that caters to the growing traffic needs of the next 15 to 20 years instead of an incremental increase in the highway network;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the second edition of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) would be easier said than done as it would involve massive investments in the sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**National Highways in Rajasthan**

†1543. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of highways passing through Rajasthan as on date;

(b) the details of funds allocated by the Central Government for maintenance and repairs of those highways during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that adequate funds, as per the increase requested by the State Government, are not being allocated for maintenance and repairs of the said roads; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Bharat Mala Project**

1544. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to

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connect each district of the country with National Highways under the Bharat Mala programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is also formulating a new toll policy under the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Road accidents**

1545. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that lakhs of people die in various kinds of road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years till now, State-wise;

(c) whether in these accidents most of the victims are either elderly persons and children; and

(d) if so, what safety measures have been taken by Government to protect elderly persons and children?

#### **Vehicles on roads *vis-a-vis* traffic situation**

1546. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered vehicles on roads at present, State-wise and vehicle-wise and the numbers it would reach during the next three years; and

(b) whether there is any action plan to deal with the chaotic traffic situation in our cities which is leading to very high level of pollution, specially in the metros?

#### **Free/cashless treatment for accident victims**

1547. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide free/cashless treatment and basic amenities to the victims of road accidents on National Highways in the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof for Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of proposal under consideration for free/cashless treatment, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

#### **National Road Safety and Management System**

1548. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a National Road Safety and Management System;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring in added safety on roads by way of stricter checks on issuance of driving licences and higher penalties for traffic violations?

#### **Accidents due to drunken driving**

1549. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether accidents are increasing due to drunken driving in the country;

(b) if so, what is the percentage during the last five years; and



(c) what are the remedial measures adopted to curb such accidents?

**Pace of Bharat Mala Project**

1550. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:  
SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that preparatory work for the Bharat Mala project has been fast tracked with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) inviting bids for preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) along the borders and cost lines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that DPR for the project would be ready in 6-8 months;

(c) what would be the area length in kms of the entire network along with the stretches across the States which are proposed to be covered; and

(d) what would be the estimated overall investment and completion period for this project?

**Toll gates on National Highways**

1551. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the location where toll gates are withdrawn on National Highways in the country, State-wise and NH-wise;

(b) the revenue generated in leasing out of each of these toll gates during the last 10 years, or since construction, year-wise and toll gate-wise;

(c) whether NHAI or the central Government has any plans to withdraw more such toll gates situated on various

National Highways during the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the toll collected, NH-wise and year-wise?

**Mass emission standards for flex-fuel ethanol E 85 and ED 95**

1552. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether Government has released any standards for mass emission for flex-fuel ethanol E 85 and ED 95 in the recent past and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the companies involved in research and development have assured for development of economically viable model;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of initiatives taken in this regard, so far; and

(d) the details of hybrid system vehicles proposed in the near future and the extent to which it would be able to obtain its objectives?

**National Highways in Gujarat**

1553. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA:  
SHRI MANSUKH L.  
MANDAVIYA:

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

(a) what is the rank of Gujarat in terms of National Highways length per lac population and National Highway length per 1000 sq. km. of area; and

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to upgrade additional Highways in the State to National Highways?

**Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway project**

1554. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has proposed any out-of-court solution for Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the work on this project is likely to resume; and

(d) the expected date of completion of the project?

**Demands for road safety instruments**

1555. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents taking place on highways has gone up considerably during the recent months and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that demand from States for road safety instruments like interceptors, cranes, driving testing simulators are lying pending for months; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in meeting these demands?

**Four laning of Hazipur-Jandaha-Musrigharari NH-103**

†1556. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to convert 59 km. long Hazipur to Musrigharari is a Jandaha NH 103 into four lane; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Release of funds to Chhattisgarh under PMGSY**

†1557. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the delay in execution of works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Chhattisgarh is due to release of funds by the Central Government; and

(b) whether the immediate requirement of one thousand crore rupees could be provided to the State to achieve the target fixed under PMGSY?

**Survey on poverty in rural areas**

1558. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether poverty has decreased in rural areas, particularly in backward and tribal areas of the country;

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

(c) whether any survey has been conducted recently in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof, State-wise; and

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(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for poverty alleviation in these areas?

(c) whether Government has decided to include some more works to the works being already done under MGNREGA and if so, the details thereof?

**Maintenance of rural roads under PMGSY**

1559. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States are yet to comply with the April, 2014 Model Policy Framework for maintenance of rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); and

(b) the names of the States which are yet to formulate Rural Roads Maintenance Policy, as stipulated under this framework?

**Power to State Employment Guarantee Council to include works under MGNREGA**

†1560. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:  
SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give concessions to the State Employment Guarantee Council to include works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), as per the local requirements and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to include the works of cowsheds, being operated by institutions registered with the State Governments under MGNREGA and if so, by when the directions would be issued and if not, the reasons therefor; and

**SECC data on landless/poor people**

1561. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Socio Economic and Caste Census, 2011 indicating the social economic status of people of rural areas has been released by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of landless/poor identified in the rural areas in the census;

(c) the details of criteria adopted for the census; and

(d) the States having poor performance in developing socio-economic and caste structure with particular reference to rural India, as per the said census?

**Meeting of State-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees under MGNREGA**

†1562. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up State-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and issued instructions from time to time and if so, the details of the composition of this committee;

(b) the number of meetings required to be held in a year and the number of meetings held during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

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(c) the details of action being taken by the Ministry in case prescribed number of meetings are not held?

#### **Incomplete PMGSY projects**

1563. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of proposals sanctioned during 2010 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are yet to be executed;

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

(c) the period mandated under PMGSY guidelines for execution of the projects; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Acquisition of land**

1564. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much land has been acquired by the Centre and States after the amendments made to the Land Acquisition Act in 2013, State-wise; and

(b) how much compensation is still payable to those whose land was acquired on account of such acquisitions by various States?

#### **RSETIs in Maharashtra**

1565. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rural Self-Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs)

presently operational in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the details of proposals, for the setting up of RSETIs in the State that are presently pending; and

(c) the names of sponsoring banks for each of these operational and proposed RSETIs?

#### **Transfer of funds to MGNREGA beneficiaries through e-FMS**

1566. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made for transfer of funds for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) beneficiaries through electronic Funds Management System (e-FMS)

(b) in the light of States delaying payment to MGNREGA workers, how the Ministry would ensure that States would send financial transfer orders to the Centre immediately; and

(c) how Government is planning to use the Jan Dhan Yojana accounts for transfer of funds?

#### **Performance of rural development schemes**

1567. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various schemes aimed at improving the lives of rural people have yielded the desired results and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with Government's reaction thereto;

(b) the details of implementation

reports of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, the National Rural Livelihood Mission/ Ajeevika and the National Social Assistance Programme during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of monitoring mechanism available with Government to ensure that the objectives of the rural development schemes are achieved?

#### **Widening scope of IGNDPS**

1568. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that dwarfs, who, in most of the cases, are unable to find employment, do not come under the purview of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to widen the ambit of Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), in order to include this category?

#### **Target of providing houses**

†1569. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed the target of providing houses to 4.25 crore homeless families by 2022;

(b) if so, the number of houses to be provided to homeless families annually, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure to be incurred on construction of houses for the homeless annually?

#### **Allocation of funds under PMGSY**

1570. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been drastically reduced by the Central Government during the current Five Year Plan;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated to Odisha during the last three years and the current financial year;

(d) whether the State Government has requested the Central Government to increase and allocate sufficient funds under PMGSY; and

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

#### **Construction of roads in Himachal Pradesh**

1571. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines fixed by Government for construction of roads under PMGSY/ NABARD assisted scheme in rural and hilly areas;

(b) the amount sanctioned to Himachal Pradesh during 2015-16 for construction of roads under the above schemes;

(c) the status of roads Amboi-Tipproli, Jangla-Nandla, Shirol-Banthal, Link road Jalwari-Kailu, Jalwari-Manghara and Link road Bakhuli-Nandla in Chirgaon Tehsil in Shimla district of the State; and

(d) the status of remetalling Badiyara-Nandla and Magwari-Shirol roads in that State?

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**Villages under SAGY in Karnataka**

1572. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which are the villages covered under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in Karnataka;

(b) whether the work is going on as per the specified calendar of events and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any lacuna in implementation by the State Government; and

(d) how to overcome these for a successful Adarsh Gram to inspire other villages?

**Performance of MGNREGA**

1573. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure on MGNREGA during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) how many rural households were provided job during these years, year-wise;

(c) how many of them were SCs and STs, year-wise; and

(d) how many person days employment was generated during these years, year-wise?

**Irregularities under MGNREGA**

1574. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that, as per recent study report, 50 per cent of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) beneficiaries pay bribes for payment of their wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any action to check bribes and corruption in MGNREGA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Landless labourers in rural areas**

1575. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 48.5 per cent of rural households in the country are landless labourers and are engaged in manual labour for livelihood;

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

(c) the efforts being made by Government to improve the economic status and extent of poverty of these landless labourers?

**Establishment of Maritime University in Gujarat**

1576. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Gujarat for establishment of Maritime University in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the University is likely to be established in the State?

**Planning to convert ports into corporate entities**

1577. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to convert ports owned by the Indian Government into corporate entities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry intends to continue the provision of seats on the Board of Directors for unions post corporatisation of ports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry is taking any measures to ensure that the union and labourers' interests are not compromised as a result of corporatisation of ports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Schemes for promotion of small ship building**

1578. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has schemes to promote inland water ways transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has schemes to promote small ship building; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revision of ceiling limit for water resources and related project**

1579. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had in June, 2014 proposed an upward revision of the ceiling limit fixed by the former Planning Commission for various water resources and related project at ₹ 1,500 crore from ₹ 396 crore;

(b) what is the present stage of consideration of the proposal; and

(c) when the proposal is likely to be approved?

**Pancheshwar dam in Uttarakhand**

†1580. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated expenditure to be incurred on the construction of Pancheshwar dam in Uttarakhand;

(b) the proportion of expenditure to be borne by both the countries;

(c) whether power generated at Pancheshwar would be shared in proportion to expenditure; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rehabilitation of people due to Polavaram dam**

1581. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has received a notice from the Andhra Pradesh High Court on the issue for wrong relief and rehabilitation for the displaced people under Polavaram dam;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has applied only the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to such displaced people and land-losers instead of Act of 2013;

(c) what steps Government would take to rectify such wrongs committed for land acquisition by a central project authority;

(d) whether Government would send a team to inspect such wrongs committed by the central project authority and take remedial measures;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Declining of ground water table**

1582. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the goals envisaged including the strategies identified under the National Water Mission;

(b) whether Government is aware of rapidly declining ground water table in various parts of the country;

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

(d) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the estimated ground water depletion in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government on the recommendations including funds

allocated/utilised for the purpose during the last three years along with the success achieved as a result thereof?

#### **Pollution free Ganga**

†1583. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has failed to control the industrial units polluting Ganga;

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

(c) whether Government is going to close the most polluted units dirtying the river;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the measures being taken by Government to make the river free from pollution so that it continues to fulfil religious faith as well as protect people's life?

#### **Wastage of water by industries**

†1584. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to put a check on the water wastage by industries;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step in this regard; and

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

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### **Plan to clean Ganga**

1585. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken clean Ganga action plan during 2014-15;

(b) if so, the details of progress made therein;

(c) whether State-wise proposals have been received so far towards beautification of Ganga banks and specially "waste-on-water" control projects therein; and

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

### **Pollution in Ganga**

†1586. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is keeping an eye round the clock on the those thousands of industrial units through its cutting-edge technology which pollute the water of river Ganga and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the provisions of punishment made by Government for erring units?

### **Depletion of ground water in Jharkhand**

1587. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas in Jharkhand and other States where the depletion of ground water has reached at an alarming level, State-wise; and

(b) what are the water recharging and conservation measures Government has taken and plan to take to improve water-tables in these areas?

### **Bellandur lake in Bengaluru**

1588. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Ministry to protect Bengaluru from dangers or real estate projects on ecologically and environmentally sensitive areas like lakebeds, catchment areas around lakes and volley zones;

(b) whether the team from the Ministry which visited the site of projects coming up on Belandur lake in Bengaluru in August, 2013, to minor compliance to the environmental clearance conditions, give an adverse report about the non-compliance of conditions by project promoters;

(c) if so, the details thereof and when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Krishna-Pennar water transfer link**

1589. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Krishna (Srisailem)-Pennar water transfer link under the National Perspective Plan has been identified which would benefit Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that feasibility report has already been completed for the above link; and

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(c) if so, what steps the Ministry has taken to move ahead to link above rivers for water transfer?

**Soil erosion by river Godavari and Tapi**

1590. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by the Central Government to check soil erosion by rivers Godavari and Tapi and its tributaries during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken to check soil erosion by the said rivers in Maharashtra?

**Implementation of Ganga Yojana**

†1591. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted 120 special teams of various agencies for the implementation of Ganga Yojana;

(b) the number of places identified by the special teams on banks of Ram Ganga and Yamuna;

(c) whether the said teams have recommended closure of 118 drains (nallahs) in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal;

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

(e) the date of inception of Ganga cleanliness campaign and the progress made by it?

**Implementation of river linking project**

1592. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of implementation of the river linking project of Government in Gujarat;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for the project during the last three years and for 2015-16, including figures for Gujarat, separately; and

(c) by when the above said project would be completed in Gujarat?

**Soil erosion by Krishna and Cauvery**

1593. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by the Central Government to check soil erosion by rivers Krishna and Cauvery and its tributaries during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken to check soil erosion by the said rivers in Karnataka?

**Flood problem in Maharashtra and Karnataka**

1594. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:  
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

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

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(a) the names and the number of districts in Maharashtra and Karnataka which are facing the problem of flood almost every year;

(b) whether Government has received any suggestions from these States to deal with the said problem;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise along with the response of Government thereto;

(d) the details of assistance provided by Government to these flood affected districts; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to mitigate the problem of flood in the country?

#### **Interlinking of Manas, Sankosh, Teesta and Ganga Rivers**

1595. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to connect Manas, Sankosh, Teesta and Ganga rivers;

(b) whether the concerned State Governments have been approached for consent;

(c) if implemented, whether surplus water would be transferred to Southern States and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether detailed project report has been prepared, including the cost of the project, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pollution in Ganga**

†1596. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any plan to keep a vigil on the polluters of Ganga river and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the provision made to take action against the units that are polluting Ganga river?

#### **Revision of funding of existing water resource projects**

1597. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister is aware that the State Government of Karnataka had in November, 2014 proposed to the Ministry the need for upward revision of funding of existing water resource projects from 25 per cent to 50 per cent as in new projects;

(b) when this proposal would be considered; and

(c) what is the outcome of such consideration?

#### **Allocation of funds for Namami Gange Mission**

1598. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the Namami Gange Mission and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose;

(b) the mechanism put in place to monitor the implementation of the Mission along with the projects taken up thereunder and the time-frame fixed for completion of the same; and

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(c) whether a Ganga Eco Task Force as well as Clean Ganga Fund has been established and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Virdi dam in Maharashtra**

1599. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dam at Virdi in Maharashtra is under construction;

(b) whether Government of Goa has taken objection to the construction of the dam;

(c) what are the grounds taken for the objection;

(d) whether the Tribunal has passed any order on the intervention made by the State Government;

(e) whether Government of Maharashtra has taken environmental clearances for the project;

(f) whether Valvanti river in Goa is likely to be affected if the construction of the dam is allowed; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Simplifying approval process of projects**

†1600. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to simplify the approval process of mega multi-purpose irrigation/power/flood projects in the light of dealy in it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether priority would be accorded to those States having less percentage of irrigation for giving financial assistance for irrigation projects under Central schemes of assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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