

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

Royalty rate on coal

2081. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the rate of royalty for coal has remained unchanged for four years;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is planning to change the rate of royalty for coal and Clean Environment Cess; and

(c) whether the study group constituted by the Ministry in 2014 to consider the revision of the rates has submitted its report?

Allocation of coal mines to private sector

†2082. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines which have

been given to the private sector in our country following the directive of Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions under which they have been handed over to the private sector; and

(c) whether these companies are strictly complying with the terms and conditions and if so, the details thereof?

Closure of mines under MCP

2083. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of challenges being faced by coal mines across the country when they intend to close the mines under the Mine Closure Plan (MCP); and

(b) the details of scientific and eco-friendly approach/methods adopted by coal mining companies under MCP?

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Profit of CIL

2084. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the net profit of Coal India Limited (CIL) has gone down even after higher off take of coal;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for low net profit; and

(c) what efforts are being taken to increase the net profit of CIL?

Human rights violation of tribal people in coal mines

2085. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were recent reports from Amnesty International regarding human rights violations committed against tribal people in Indian coal mines;

(b) the details of area of land acquired due to expansion of coal mines under Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries;

(c) whether the required compensation was paid to the land owners and the promised jobs given to them;

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

(e) the details of complaints received regarding violations in coal mines and the details of action taken thereon?

Modernizing of coal mines

2086. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernize the coal mines of the country;

(b) if so, which are the coal mines that have been listed for modernization;

(c) what is the present status and condition of all the coal mines that are in operation in Odisha; and

(d) what is the risk factor prevalent in the coal mines of that State which have not been listed for modernization?

Utilisation of cess on coal

2087. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cess on coal is being used for generating solar energy other than the donor States;

(b) if so, the details of those States;

(c) whether Government has any plan to invest a part of the cess on coal for research and development of Clean Energy Technology (CET) in donor States; and

(d) if so, the details of investment during the current year, State-wise?

Construction of individual toilets in villages

2088. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target for construction of individual's and village toilets during 2nd October, 2014 to 2nd October, 2016, under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM); and

(b) the total number of such toilets constructed during that period under SBM?

Proposal for drinking water and sanitation scheme

2089. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set and achievements made under drinking water and sanitation scheme during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of proposals received by the Central Government from various States under the said schemes; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

Utilisation of funds under NRDWP

2090. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
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 the States are not fully utilising funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), in spite of large number of people not having access to safe drinking water through PWS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred under NRDWP, State-wise; and

(d) the details of population not having access to safe drinking water, State-wise?

Appointment of sanitary mates under SBA

2091. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to appoint sanitary mates for providing assistance under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the methodology of selection of such sanitary mates and the nature of responsibilities/duties proposed to be assigned to them?

Construction of toilets in rural and semi-rural areas

2092. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the total population that defecates in open due to non-availability of toilets and those who defecate in open despite having proper toilets;

(b) what action the Ministry proposes to take in order to discourage people from defecating in open and the details of awareness programme launched in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct toilets on a large scale for general public in the rural and semi-rural areas; and

(d) if so, what is the plan and budget outlay for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16?

Non-functional toilets in rural areas

2093. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge problem of water availability in recently constructed toilets;

(b) if so, in what ways Government plans to bridge this gap to ensure the larger social goal of better sanitation in rural India; and

(c) the estimates of number of non-functional toilets constructed in rural areas since last year?

Implementation of NRDWP

2094. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of villages covered, so far, under NRDWP in Maharashtra and the success rate thereof in that State?

Ranking of India in water quality

2095. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the ranking of India at the international level with respect to number of people without access to clean water; and

(b) the details thereof?

Use of plastic in packaging

2096. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indiscriminate use of non-degradable plastic in packaging of goods is one of the main impediments in implementation of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in rural areas;

(b) whether attention of Government has been drawn that in rural areas there is no system of rag-picking and hence disposal of polythene bags and sachets or plastic-coated packaging material is a real problem; and

(c) the manner in which Government intends to deal with this issue, the details thereof?

Recommendations of Centre for Science and Environment Committee

2097. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations of the Sunita Narain Committee on damage to ecology and mangroves by Adani Port and SEZ Ltd. at Mundra; and

(b) the details of action Government has taken, as per the recommendations of the Committee, till date?

Assistance to States for restoring forests

2098. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed rules to help States use the ₹ 40,000 crore corpus earmarked to restore forests;

(b) whether most of the States stand to receive funds worth ₹ 6,000 crore per annum for conservation, protection,

improvement and expansion of forest and wildlife resources;

(c) whether most of the money would be used to restore and improve degraded forests which make up more than 40 per cent of the total forest cover of the country and create more than 15 crore man days of direct employment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds from CAMPA for research and technical support

2099. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) for research and technical support to States;

(b) the initiatives by which research and technical support would be given to States; and

(c) the monitoring mechanism which would be undertaken by Government to ensure that these funds are efficiently utilized?

India's commitment of INDCs

2100. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has already completed 12 per cent of all pre-2020 Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), or the road map by which it would make good on its commitments to reduce carbon emissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, as part of its INDC plans, India had promised to bring down its emissions intensity, or emissions per unit of the GDP, by at least 33 per cent by the year 2030 as compared to 2005 levels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Death of tigers

†2101. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tigers died from January, 2016, till date;

(b) the number of tigers killed by poachers from January, 2015, till date;

(c) the increase in number of tigers from 2008 to January, 2016;

(d) the steps to be taken to protect tigers according to wildlife experts; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this direction, so far?

Release of funds to State Level CAMPA

2102. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

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

(a) whether Government has released funds to State-level Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authorities (CAMPA) to carry out protection, conservation and regeneration of natural forests;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the objectives of such funds have been achieved, so far in various States; and

(d) how the States are utilizing the funds released under CAMPA and expenditure against the releases, State-wise?

Health Index in SDGs

2103. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, on the first global analysis of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), India ranks 143 out of 188 countries on the Health Index;

(b) what is India's action plan to achieve SDGs; and

(c) by when India would be able to achieve the Millennium Development Goal of low under-five mortality?

Pollution in North India

2104. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the level of pollution in North India particularly in big cities, due to burning of agricultural waste and Diwali crackers during the last three years;

(b) how many people had developed lung and allied diseases as a result thereof and what was the number of deaths, if any;

(c) what sustainable solution Government has already put into action; and

(d) whether Government intends to

improve it further on the basis of experience this year?

Operationalisation of corpus committed by developed countries

2105. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has stressed more on trying to operationalise the US \$ 100 billion corpus committed by developed countries to aid policy, projects and technology transfer as a buffer against the impact of climate change during the climate talks in Morocco recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a fraction of it has been pledged, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Damage to forests due to mining in Chhattisgarh

†2106. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of mines located in dense forests of Chhattisgarh;

(b) which metal is extracted from these mines;

(c) whether there is any possibility of damage to forests due to extraction of metals from these mines; and

(d) if so, the views of Government in this regard?

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Smog in NCR

2107. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has examined the reasons which led to an alarming scale of smog that enveloped the capital city and contaminated the air at the onset of winter;

(b) whether the indifference on precautions against the contamination and maintenance of air quality by the authorities concerned contributed to the sudden development of poisonous pollution;

(c) whether Government proposes to take action against those who failed in their duty in maintaining air quality; and

(d) the details of measures Government is planning to bring in to avoid such kind of situation in future?

Complaints against violation of environment laws

2108. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
DR. K.V.P. RAMA-
CHANDRA RAO:

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

(a) the details of projects accorded environmental clearance by Government during the last two years;

(b) the number of complaints received against the violation of environmental laws in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during that period, category-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Central Government thereon?

Green cover in metro cities

2109. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in green cover of metro cities and towns during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and metro city-wise; and

(c) the details of proposals being implemented by the Central Government, if any, to preserve the green cover of cities?

Green India Mission for pastures

†2110. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to introduce Green India Mission (GIM) for construction of pastures in forest areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued any directions to the State Governments for using CAMPA fund lying unused in several States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has proposed to take any other steps for making available fodder on a large scale from forest areas?

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Agricultural wastes management policy

2111. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that burning of agricultural waste materials in open fields is causing serious air pollution in the country and if so, whether any recent study has been conducted on the issue by Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is considering to formulate an agricultural waste management policy and if so, the details thereof?

Socio-economic risk analysis on GM mustard

2112. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AFES (Assessment of Food and Environmental Safety) document on GM mustard has presented any socio-economic risk analysis related to GM mustard;

(b) if so, what are the main findings thereof; and

(c) the details of experts in Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) who have verified the findings, before risk assessment of GM mustard was closed and the reasons therefor?

Erosion of coastline of Odisha

2113. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that the coastline of Odisha is under threat of erosion; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken in this regard to protect the coastline of the State from erosion?

Tackling green gas emission

2114. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has failed to tackle the green gas emission in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the climate justice proposal of the Prime Minister;

(c) the detail of ratifications made by India, so far; and

(d) the actions proposed with time frame to achieve the law of "smallest carbon foot print"?

Sewage and industrial effluents in Sutlej and its tributaries

2115. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that untreated sewage and industrial effluents are being discharged in Sutlej river and its tributaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that polluted water is released in canals of Rajasthan at Harike;

(c) whether Government intends to take action, as per law, against the industries and municipal authorities in Punjab, which are directly responsible for polluting the canal water being supplied to Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the constraints therein?

Finalisation of National Forest Policy

2116. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the National Forest Policy;

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

(c) by when the said policy would come into effect?

Control of emission of refrigerants and HFCs

2117. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for manufacturing companies to control emission of climate damaging refrigerants and phase down the use of HFCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of manufacturers thereon; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism set up

by Government to make the manufacturers to comply with the orders?

Use of GM crops

†2118. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the decision taken by Government with regard to use of GM seeds;

(b) whether the Central Government is promoting the seeds in the production of mustard, maize, etc;

(c) whether any scientific study has been done about its effects on environment, health and production;

(d) the names of the countries where this is being used and its authentic report thereof; and

(e) the details thereof?

Global warming due to HFC-23

2119. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of HFC-23, as a consequence of use of HCFC-22 in refrigerators and air conditioners has a serious potential for global warming;

(b) whether, according to the directives of the National Green Tribunal in December 2015, the Ministry has carried out the study of units that produce HCFC-22;

(c) whether the Ministry has provided guidelines for storage and elimination of HFC-23; and

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

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GM crops for cultivation

2120. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of genetically modified (GM) crops approved for cultivation in the country, so far;

(b) the names and details of members of Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC);

(c) the details of permits issued for the commercial cultivation of the hybrid GM mustard; and

(d) whether any study has been conducted by Government about the debt trap due to the failure of Bt. cotton?

Planting of new trees

2121. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of new trees planted during the last year including places;

(b) the details of agency and organizations involved in it and the average cost incurred on each tree during the last year; and

(c) the details of criteria for choosing the agency or organization for the care/maintenance after plantation?

Degradation of land due to unsustainable practices

2122. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 45 per cent of India's land is degraded primarily due to deforestation, unsustainable agricultural practices, mining and excessive ground water extraction;

(b) if so, how much of this could be regenerated by planting trees; and

(c) how much land have been regenerated, so far till date?

Protection of Khejri trees in Rajasthan

†2123. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existence of Khejri, the State tree of Rajasthan is in danger and if so, the action plan formulated by the Central Government to increase the number of Khejri trees and to protect these trees; and

(b) when the last survey was conducted to ascertain the number of Khejri trees, the details of survey report thereof?

Air pollution of the world

2124. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that 92 per cent population of the world are breathing with polluted air;

(b) if so, the details of average air pollution during the last two years, country-wise;

(c) whether Government has done any city-wise survey of air pollution in the country and if so, the details thereof;

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(d) the number of deaths in the country due to air pollution noted during the last three years, State-wise; and

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

Impact of climate change on Himalayas

2125. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has highlighted the impact of climate change on Himalayas, namely disasters, biodiversity, livelihood and agriculture during the UN Climate Change Conference at Morocco, Conference of the Parties (CoP 22); and

(b) whether any plans have been drawn up to mitigate climate impact in the Himalayan region and if so, the details thereof?

Average global temperatures

2126. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has reported that the average global temperatures during 2016 would be higher due to global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what collective action is proposed to be taken at the global level to keep average

global temperature rise below 2° C above pre-industrial levels by 2100, the details thereof?

Impact of India's INDC commitment

2127. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the impact of India's INDC commitment on the development agenda and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to attract financial and technological inflows to combat climate change from developed nations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has allocated funds towards its adoption and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken capacity building measures to combat climate change and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Poaching and man-animal conflict

2128. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of wildlife poaching and man-animal conflict during the last year, particularly in tiger reserves;

(b) whether Government has identified risk zones for poaching and conflict in tiger reserves and undertaken measures to reduce

incidences and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to launch a drone monitoring project to combat wildlife poaching and if so, the details thereof and the timeline of its implementation?

Roadmap for achieving INDCs

2129. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government plans to prepare a year-wise roadmap for achieving targets of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has plans to integrate low carbon technologies and emission reduction measures in various Government schemes and programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has estimated the annual investments required to achieve 40 per cent of non fossil fuels installed capacity by 2030 and if so, the details thereof?

Death of tigers in zoos

†2130. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tigers died in zoos located in various States across the country, during the last three years;

(b) the permanent solution being contemplated by Government by going beyond old policies in order to check the ever increasing death of tigers; and

(c) the details of reasons as to why illegal poaching continues unabated despite the rules put in place to prevent it?

Extraction of minerals in Badigaon in Uttarakhand

†2131. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various metals have been found in Badigaon near Askot in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the names of those metals;

(c) whether Government is going to formulate any scheme for extraction of those metals;

(d) if not, whether Government would get these metals extracted through private companies; and

(e) if so, by when the work is likely to be started?

Web portal for mining sector

2132. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has unveiled a web portal for easy access to information regarding mining sector in the country, including framework for rating mines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there would be random third party checks to see whether the information provided by operators is correct and there should be

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penalties for those providing false information; and

(c) whether Government has fixed a deadline that all mine operators should upload all relevant permissions from Government on the portal?

Government's PPAs with solar firms

2133. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a WTO appellate body has ruled that Government's Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with solar firms were inconsistent with international norms;

(b) if so, the implications thereof for our National Solar Mission; and

(c) the steps being taken to overcome this?

Revival of small and medium hydel projects

2134. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to revive certain small and medium hydel projects across the country;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to achieve renewable energy capacity of 225 GW by 2022?

Encouragement of alternative sources of energy

†2135. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to encourage alternative sources of energy such as solar power and wind energy;

(b) the measures being adopted so that people use appliances powered by solar energy or wind energy to fulfil their domestic energy requirements; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make appliances powered by solar energy cheap and readily available?

Growth of renewable energy

2136. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any proactive measures to foster the growth of renewable energy sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is using geothermal energy which is supposed to be economical and eco-friendly and if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to increase its generation; and

(d) whether Government has entered into collaboration with other countries for R&D in this regard?

Cumulative solar power capacity

2137. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

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(a) what is the present cumulative solar power capacity of the country and the growth rate in this sector during the last three years the details thereof, region-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to popularize and make solar appliances affordable to the general public?

Replacement of batteries of rural solar street lights

2138. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about large number of rural solar street light installations being made through various agencies having shelf life of batteries for three year or so;

(b) if so, the details of Government's plans and schemes under which these batteries would be replaced after expiry of their shelf life; and

(c) the reasons for not planning for replacement of batteries?

Solar pumping programme in Punjab

2139. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the solar pumping programme for irrigation and drinking water has been implemented in Punjab and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps are being taken by Government to install more solar pumps in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the problems faced, if any, in implementation of this scheme; and

(d) whether Government proposes to organize a training and awareness programme for the benefit of farmers in this regard?

Development and promotion of new and renewable energy

2140. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether development and promotion of new and renewable energy sources was raised in the G-20 Summit recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether targets have been fixed for new and renewable energy sources and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to develop affordable non-conventional energy sources?

Potential of small scale biogas plants

2141. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government has analysed the potential of small scale biogas plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of number of small scale family type biogas plants installed during the current year, State-wise and the amount of funds spent during the year;

(d) whether Government plans to promote advanced technologies for small scale biogas plants to be installed during the current year's target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Involvement and activities of women in Panchayats

†2142. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the involvement and activities of women in the functioning of Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Development Schemes implemented by Panchayats have not been as expected so far in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has taken several policy measures to ensure women's expected involvement and activities in them during the last two years and whether its positive outcome have been seen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Budget allocations of the Ministry

2143. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budgetary allocations of the Ministry during the last five years and the current year, year-wise and plan and non plan-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions has adversely been affected due to reduced budgetary allocations of the Ministry;

(c) if so, how the Ministry is planning to address this problem;

(d) whether discontinuation of Backward Regions Grant Fund would not defeat the 73rd and 74th Constitution Amendment Act; and

(e) the details of major consequences of discontinuation of BRGF?

Involvement of Panchayats for SDGs

2144. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a plan to involve Panchayats to prioritise Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and prepare a roadmap for meeting these goals and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of efforts made by the Ministry to involve Panchayats by implementing various schemes and achieve the desired goals?

Funds for e-panchayats in villages

†2145. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount of funds provided to States for e-panchayats in villages under Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan Scheme and the amount spent by States during the last three years; and

(b) the number of villages connected to e-panchayats in percentage and the number of villages not connected to e-panchayats, the details thereof?

Flagship programmes in Andhra Pradesh

2146. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of flagship programmes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the status of each programme with physical targets and achievements,

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programme-wise, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether any additional money is sought by the State Government for giving more fillip to any of the flagship programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Ministry thereon?

Preparation of Model Land Leasing Act by NITI Aayog

2147. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert committee of NITI Aayog had prepared a Model Land Leasing Act;

(b) if so, what is the response of States towards the Act;

(c) the details of States that have adopted or agreed to adopt the Act;

(d) whether any deadline has been prescribed for States to adopt the Act;

(e) whether States have communicated any reservation in adopting the Act and if so, the details of those reservations and what is being done to address them; and

(f) how the States are being encouraged and incentivised to adopt the Act?

Scheme for educational and economic development of poor and weaker sections

†2148. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to formulate a

comprehensive scheme for educational and economic development of the poor and the weaker sections of society in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Augmentation of sub-station in Nandla village

2149. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether augmentation of sub-station in Village Nandla, Tehsil Chirgaon, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh was included in the capex plan during 2014-15;

(b) if so, by when this sub-station would be installed;

(c) whether Government would ask the State Government to expedite this project as it is behind the schedule; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inquiry into coal imports

2150. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered an inquiry by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into the coal import price over-invoicing scam;

(b) if so, what are the details/status of the investigation; and

(c) which are the buyers and suppliers companies under scanner and who are the persons arrested, so far?

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Status of sharing of power

2151. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the agreement signed on 10 May, 1984 by the Central Government it was mentioned that it would refer the matter regarding sharing of power in Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, UBDC stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel scheme to the Supreme Court for its opinion; and

(b) if so, the details and status thereof and if not, by when?

Consumption of coal by thermal power plants

2152. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power plants and the annual consumption of coal by these plants, plant-wise;

(b) the quantity of total emissions of different gases by those plants, plant-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that more than one lakh persons are dying prematurely due to pollution by thermal power plants and 20 millions are affected by asthma and if so, what remedial measures have been taken in this behalf?

Access to LED lighting

2153. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has performed exceedingly well in terms of vastly improving access to LED lighting while reducing their cost drastically, as observed by the International Energy Agency;

(b) whether the International Energy Agency is partnering with India to take the LED programme global by trying the Indian model out in Indonesia; and

(c) whether in India, LED prices have fallen sharply from ₹ 310 per piece during 2014 to less than ₹ 55 during March, 2016 while its production capacity has been ramped up substantially?

Development and modernisation of power project in NER

2154. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to develop, modernise and strengthen the power transmission and distribution system in the North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details of infrastructure to be created, funds allocated, released and spent during each of the last three years and the current year along with the expected time of completion in NER; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure implementation of the projects in a time-bound manner ?

Financial and logistic support for thermal power stations

2155. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase financial and logistic support for thermal power stations in the country and if so, the details thereof and the decisions taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether steep rise in prices of coal and other raw materials and machineries used in thermal power stations have gone

uncontrollable and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

Increase in electricity tariffs by distribution companies

2156. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss making power distribution companies in the country along with the steps taken to bail them out, State-wise;

(b) whether power discoms have been permitted or are proposed to be permitted to gradually increase electricity tariffs as part of a rescue plan to fix the finances of debt-ridden utilities and protect the interest of their employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of State Governments thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to provide uninterrupted electricity to consumers at an affordable rate?

Power shortage in the country

2157. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the power generation during the last three years;

(b) what has been the consumption during the above period;

(c) whether there is a power surplus or shortage in the country;

(d) whether there have been power cuts/power breaks in any part of the country during the current year; and

(e) why there are power cuts in some States and crores of people still do not have power connection even though power is surplus in the country?

Hydro power projects in Tamil Nadu

2158. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of hydro power projects which are operational in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of total installed capacity of these projects;

(c) the details of duration for which they were shut down during the last two years for one or other reasons; and

(d) the details of alternative measures taken by Government to ensure continuous supply of power during their shut down?

New technology for conversion of fuel into electricity

2159. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian firm, has created electricity in an easy and non-polluting manner;

(b) whether the Solid Oxide Fuel Cell that converts fuel into electricity through a clean electrochemical process generates clean power for over 100 of the Fortune 500 companies;

(c) whether India could shift from the existing infrastructure that is capital intensive, inflexible and requires long planning horizons to highly flexible, modular, upgradable and rapidly deployable servers; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

New power plants in Kerala

2160. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install power plants in Kerala; and

(b) the status of existing needs of generation/exemption of power in the State?

Inter-regional transmission of power

2161. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is transferring power from surplus States/regions to deficit States/regions regularly through Inter-regional Transmission Corridors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of power transferred from Tamil Nadu to other States/regions through these Corridors; and

(d) the details of power transferred from other States/regions to Tamil Nadu?

Implementation of agreement signed for Thein dam

2162. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, at the time of construction of Thein Dam, an agreement had been signed between Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) with regard to employment and share in the electricity generated;

(b) if so, whether all the clauses of the agreement with respect to providing employment to the affected youth of J&K

share in electricity, water etc. have been fulfilled; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to provide relief to the State?

Power situation

†2163. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation from various sources in the country, as on date;

(b) the details of power generation, generation capacity, demand, supply and its gap, State-wise; and

(c) the names of States which are self-sufficient and deficient in power and sources of their power supply and quantum thereof?

Linking power grid with neighbouring countries

2164. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to link National power grid with neighbouring countries for power sharing;

(b) if so, the details of existing agreements in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of agreements Government plans to sign with various countries for power sharing?

NTPC power plant in Sri Lanka

2165. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the NTPC power plant in Sri Lanka has been scrapped;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount that has been spent by NTPC in the plant?

Funds provided to Odisha

2166. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the time by when the Ministry would sanction funds required to address the peak power requirement in Odisha and for implementation of hydro power plants by Odisha Hydro Power Corporation?

LED tube lights

2167. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to supply LED tube lights as part of save energy programmes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any proposals have been received from Jharkhand and Telangana for this purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details and the status thereof?

Meeting on UDAY

2168. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting on Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) was held recently to discuss the opinions of experts in implementing the scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of highlights of the meeting; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked and released, so far, to discoms particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to meet their loans?

Supply of LED bulbs under UJALA

2169. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households provided with LED bulbs under UJALA so far, State-wise; and

(b) the details of amount disbursed to States and spent, so far under the scheme State-wise?

Reserve shut down in power sector

2170. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power sector is experiencing a reserve shut-down during the last few years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is a drop of private players in the power sector?

Free LED bulbs to reduce power consumption

2171. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether supply of LED bulbs free of cost has been started with a view to reduce power consumption in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and also of hindrances faced in implementation of the scheme;

(c) the details of total energy saved, so far; and

(d) the details of measures/steps being taken by Government to increase awareness among people in the country for using LED bulbs?

Adjustment of fixed charge in electricity bills

‡2172. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power distribution companies are charging fixed charge per kilowatt (MDI) but they do not adjust the same in the electricity bills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these companies are cheating the consumers and if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Ministry to address this issue?

Inter-State transfer of registration of vehicles

2173. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of hassles faced by private vehicle owners in transfer of registration of private vehicles from one State to another;

(b) whether Government, in consultation with State Governments, proposes to make the process of inter-State vehicle transfer easy and under one roof and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, and the time-frame for their implementation?

Connecting district headquarters with four/two lane roads in Uttar Pradesh

2174. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to connect district headquarters with four lane/two lane with paved shoulder roads in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether three district headquarters are to be connected under NHDP by NHAI in phase III and sixteen district headquarters in Phase IV;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the work has commenced only in six such projects and the details of districts where work is yet to commence; and

(e) whether the State Government has requested to expedite the work and if so, the details thereof?

Status of Kanyakumari-Chennai and Madurai ring road projects

2175. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the connectivity along Kanyakumari-Chennai Golden Quadrilateral road and the stretch, along ring road in Madurai, which connects Thirumangalam and Othakadai, would be completed; and

(b) whether there is any plan to connect Kanyakumari-Chennai road in the Madurai ring road area and if so, the details thereof?

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Regulating number of e-Rickshaws

†2176. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether vehicle registration and driving licence are mandatory for e-Rickshaw drivers in Delhi;

(b) whether a minor can also run these without a licence and whether there are any provisions to prohibit e-Rickshaws running illegally;

(c) the details of steps taken by Government for controlling the number of these vehicles as they cause jams on roads along with the number of such vehicles; and

(d) whether any limit has been fixed on their numbers like petrol and diesel vehicles and if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of National Highway network

†2177. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of National Highways in the entire road network is less than two per cent;

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to increase the share of National Highways; and

(c) if not, the share of National Highways in the entire road network of the country, at present, and the share in some big countries in the world *vis-a-vis* India?

Incentives for returning old vehicles

†2178. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's policy to provide incentives for returning old vehicles, is pending for decision;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, by when it would be implemented; and

(d) the method of fixing the quantum of incentives for different vehicles?

Scheme for upkeep of road bridges

2179. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any scheme for proper and timely upkeep of road bridges on National Highways across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its main features; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be operational?

Illegal toll collection

2180. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of illegal/fraudulent toll tax collection;

(b) if so, the whether Government plans to implement changes in the rules and procedures;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for widening of Gurgaon-Jaipur National Highway

2181. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the widening of Gurgaon-Jaipur stretch of NH-8 which started in 2009, has missed its deadline of completion;

(b) if so, what was the target fixed for its completion;

(c) whether it is due to the fact that the banks had stopped releasing loans fearing they would not recover their debts which they had already extended to the project; and

(d) whether NHA board has approved the fund infusion for the project and if so, what is the amount of infusion, the details thereof?

Destruction of water resources due to laying of roads

2182. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that water resources are being destroyed/drying up due to road laying especially in the hilly regions of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of such instances reported and the remedial steps taken by Government, if any; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, disbursed and utilized for conserving environmental resources damaged due to laying of roads during the last three years, State-wise, including West Bengal?

Collection of toll on National Highways

†2183. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such two lane National Highways for which toll is being collected or is proposed to be collected by widening them after May 2014, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received objections regarding collection of toll after widening and renovation of Barabanki-Bahraich two lane National Highway 28C and if so, Government's views thereon; and

(c) whether Government would consider to change the rules to discontinue toll collection after widening two lane National Highways and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for development of roads in Jharkhand, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

2184. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether the Minister has decided to release necessary funds for development and expansion of roads in Jharkhand, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds released, so far, to these States, district-wise?

Trees cut for widening of NH-1 and Raipur-Bilaspur highway

†2185. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether widening and six laning of National Highway-1 and Raipur-Bilaspur highway is going on for which trees are being cut on a large scale;

(b) if so, the number of trees cut/are

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likely to be cut due to the said widening work and the target of planting new trees in place of the tree that have been cut down and by when they would be planted; and

(c) the details of steps taken to compensate for the damage caused to environment due to this construction?

Accidents on National Highways

2186. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on National Highways during the last two years;

(b) the details of National Highways and States involved therein;

(c) the total number of injuries and deaths;

(d) the quantum of damages caused to vehicles;

(e) the number of cases of deaths and injuries in highway accidents in which compensation is paid; and

(f) the number of cases in which criminal prosecutions have been launched and punishment awarded?

Expansion/development of NH-17

2187. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken expansion/development of National Highway No. 17;

(b) if so, the expenditure proposed to be incurred thereon;

(c) the mode of financing adopted therefor and the names of agencies/companies which are engaged for the purpose;

(d) the number and names of bridges proposed to be built on the said highway and the names of agencies/companies engaged therefor and

(e) the details of expenditure to be incurred in construction of each of these bridges, separately?

Construction of National Highways

2188. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by Government, in kilometres, for construction of National Highways during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) how many kilometres have already been constructed;

(c) whether the daily pace of construction is matching the average daily speed set to achieve the target; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the slow speed of construction of roads?

Delay in construction of Ranchi-Tata road by NHAI

†2189. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of 130 km. Ranchi-Tata road by NHAI has been going on for the last six-seven years and if so, the name of the agency to which this work had been entrusted and the reasons for not completing the work, so far;

(b) whether the work was scheduled to be completed by June, 2016 and as the pace of construction of the road is slow one year's extension had been granted to the agency; and

(c) by when the construction work of the road would be completed?

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Under reporting of road accidents

2190. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a 2010 World Bank report, India's under reporting of road accidents is as high as 111 per cent;

(b) whether Government has set up mechanisms for efficient data collection of road accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance to road accident victims

2191. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

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

(a) the details and length of National and State Highways along with highways where financial assistance is provided by Government to victims of road accidents;

(b) whether Government has any plans to provide such financial assistance at National level;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with financial assistance provided to people injured/died in accidents on National Highways during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of impact of Government's actions/initiatives to curtail accidents and related fatalities during the last five years with reference of associated figures?

Delhi-Meerut expressway

2192. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the progress of Delhi-Meerut expressway for which foundation-stone was laid by the Prime Minister in December, 2015;

(b) whether land acquisition issues have been settled and approval from the National Green Tribunal for Yamuna overbridge has been obtained, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of the project and how much has been spent, so far; and

(d) what is the schedule of completion of this expressway and by when, it is expected to be operational?

Arbitration cases involving NHAI

2193. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many arbitration cases are pending in which NHAI is a party along with the amount involved therein;

(b) what criterion has been adopted by NHAI in arriving at any settlement in such cases and how many cases have been settled since financial year 2015-16; and

(c) the total number of cases where NHAI has not challenged the arbitral award against it and how much amount has been so paid to the beneficiaries since financial year 2014-15?

Change in standards for highways

†2194. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to change the old standards for highways;

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

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

Functioning of toll plazas in Andhra Pradesh

2195. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the toll collected in Andhra Pradesh by NHAI during 2015-16 toll plaza-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the toll plazas are not being managed properly and effectively between Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam in terms of efficiency, good environment and fast movement;

(c) how NHAI proposes to direct the concerned Project Directors to improve toll plazas within a time-frame; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard?

Road connectivity projects with neighbouring countries

†2196. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects India has cleared for construction and upgradation of 558 kms of roads to connect Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal with roads in order to facilitate movement of people and goods in an effort towards enhancing inter-regional trade by 60 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the cost of these projects; and

(c) whether a time-limit has been fixed to complete these projects?

Registration under MGNREGA

†2197. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people registered for employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), State-wise;

(b) the percentage of such people given employment under MGNREGA;

(c) whether employment would be provided to those registered persons who were left out; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of funds to North Eastern States under PMGSY

2198. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether Government has received proposals from those States for developing and improving rural roads under PMGSY; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Proposal from Himachal Pradesh
under PMGSY**

2199. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from Himachal Pradesh Government for construction of roads and 16 bridges in the State under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

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

(c) the current status of each of the proposal; and

(d) by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

Shortcomings in MIS of MGNREGA

2200. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Management Information System (MIS) of MGNREGA has several shortcomings; and

(b) if so, whether Government would put in place a framework for MIS by laying down minimum standards and accountability of the Ministry managing the system in consultation with all concerned stakeholders?

**Houses sanctioned to women under
Indira Awaas Yojana**

2201. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses sanctioned to women under the Indira Awaas Yojana during the last two years and the current

year, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the number of houses Government proposes to sanction during 2017-18 and 2018-19 and the proportion of such houses that would be sanctioned to women?

Projects from J&K under PMGSY

2202. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds are provided under PMGSY for construction of roads; and

(b) if so, the number of projects in Jammu and Kashmir pending in the Ministry?

**Survey of assets created under
MGNREGA**

2203. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken any survey to ascertain the assets created under MGNREGA in each Gram Panchayat of the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government undertook recording of such surveys to check the leakage and avoid duplication of work in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for repairing panchayat roads in Telangana

2204. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of MPs and Ministers from Telangana has met the Minister recently and requested to release ₹ 450 crore for undertaking repairs to panchayat roads which were badly damaged during the recent rains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken by the Ministry in this regard for release of necessary funds at the earliest?

Progress of SAGY

2205. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selection of villages under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana is at a very slow pace;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the district authorities are very slow in preparing village development plans and take up developmental works in the villages; and

(d) the details of SAGY villages selected, village development plans prepared and development works started, State-wise?

Construction of dobhas under MGNREGA in Jharkhand

2206. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether dobhas have been

constructed in Jharkhand under MGNREGA;

(b) what was the basis for authorizing such construction;

(c) whether Government is aware of cases of a number of fatalities —both children and cattle—in dobhas in the State; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to review the construction of dobhas which have become a veritable death trap?

Use of MGNREGA funds for Railways

2207. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has submitted a proposal to Government to permit the use of MGNREGA funds for railway works and manual labourers;

(b) what are the details of this proposal;

(c) whether Government has agreed to this proposal;

(d) what constraints the Ministry has in converging MGNREGA with railway construction work; and

(e) what other changes are being made in accessibility of MGNREGA funds for public use?

Separate funds for SAGY

2208. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages adopted by each Member of Parliament under the

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in Phase I and Phase II;

(b) the details of development works undertaken in each of such villages;

(c) whether in the absence of funds like MPLADS, no tangible development works could be taken up;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider allocating a separate fund called VILADS (Village Local Area Development Scheme) to fund works in villages identified under SAGY;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Changes in PMGSY

2209. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal under consideration for making changes in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to make it economically efficient; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of SPMRM

2210. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has designated the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) towards development of cluster of villages;

(b) if so, the details of selected places therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the details of criteria required for identification and selection of SPMRM sub district HQs thereunder?

Implementation of SAGY

2211. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many model villages were selected by MPs in the 1st Phase of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) whether after two years of its implementation Government is satisfied with its overall implementation;

(c) if not, what are the underlying problems;

(d) how many MPs have identified a village for the 2nd Phase;

(e) whether a large number of MPs have not selected a model village for 2nd Phase and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what is Government's remedial action plan?

Financial assistance under NRLM

2212. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide financial assistance through the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM);

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

(c) the total number of beneficiaries which have been covered under NRLM during 2013 to October, 2016, State-wise?

Shortage of funds for MGNREGA

2213. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of States had a negative balance under MGNREGA and had no money to even pay the outstanding dues, leave alone start new works which may escalate malnutrition, endemic hunger and distress migration;

(b) what is outstanding dues of workers to be paid by Government so far, State-wise;

(c) how many days of employment was given during the last year up to this month to workers of different States, State-wise; and

(d) whether wages would be linked to minimum wages and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of solar technologies under SAGY

2214. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to promote solar technologies particularly solar street lights through Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government has plans to incorporate specific targets for utilising renewable energy in the scheme in view of national and international renewable energy targets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pace of construction of rural roads

†2215. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating expediting the construction of rural roads;

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

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

Setting up of Sagarmala Development Company

2216. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sagarmala Cell was set up in May, 2015;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in setting up of Sagarmala Development Company;

(c) the impact on National Perspective Plan and DPRs for projects in the absence of Sagarmala Development Company; and

(d) in view of the above, how the Ministry is planning to go ahead?

Study on viability of new major port at Enayam

2217. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken enough study on the viability of a new major port at Enayam, near Colachel in Tamil Nadu when another major port within a distance of 40 kilometres at Vizhinjam in Kerala, cleared by Government, is already being constructed;

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(b) if so, the reasons to establish a new port nearby;

(c) the financial commitment of the Central and State Governments to these two ports, port-wise; and

(d) the estimated revenue from these ports likely to be generated per annum, port-wise and the estimated period of their completion, port-wise?

Operationalisation of Kottapuram-Kozhikode stretch of National Waterways

2218. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete proposals for fund allocation and time-frame for completion are considered to make the Kottapuram-Kozhikode stretch of national waterway operational; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Development of lighthouses at ports as tourist places

2219. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating on developing the lighthouses at ports as tourist places; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Green field port at Sagar in W.B.

2220. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the National Perspective Plan released by the Ministry

aimed at creating six to eight green field ports, one is to be created at Sagar in West Bengal;

(b) how much funds have been allocated for creation of the new port there;

(c) whether there is any deadline by when this port would be ready; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Connecting Paradip, Gopalpur and Dhamara ports

2221. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to connect Paradip, Gopalpur and Dhamara ports in Odisha through a dedicated freight corridor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Maritime clusters

2222. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up two Maritime clusters as part of its efforts to boost economic development along coastline;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one such cluster would be set up in Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether, according to a report, the formation of 14 coastal economic zones along the maritime States and industrial clusters under Sagarmala would cut logistic costs and enable more competitive rate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Visakhapatnam Port in A.P.

2223. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent during the last two years to modernise and overhaul Visakhapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the measures taken to improve ship change over time and mechanisation of berths and installation of state-of-the-art equipment;

(c) the traffic handled by the Vishakhapatnam Port during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the details of efforts taken to improve the tonnage handling capacity over the year?

Inland Vessels Bill

2224. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the draft Inland Vessels Bill, 2016;

(b) whether major stakeholders have been consulted for drafting this Bill and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposed timelines for implementation thereof?

Water sharing of Narmada river

†2225. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of river water

utilised and river water remaining to be utilised in the country, State-wise and the action plan for maximum utilisation of river water in the coming three years;

(b) as a result of sharing the water of Narmada river, the quantum of water utilised by each of the States, the purpose thereof and the quantum of water remaining, the time bound action plan for utilisation of the river water and the estimate of financial assistance to be provided by the Central Government to the States; and

(c) the significant details of sharing of water of the Narmada river?

Per capita availability of water

2226. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per the data of the Central Ground Water Board, per capita availability of water has come down from 14,180 litres in 1951 to 5,210 litres in 2001 and this is going to come down to 3,120 litres by 2050;

(b) whether it is also a fact that by 2050 India would have to import water from other countries; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry looks at this horrifying situation and what remedial measures it is going to take to recharge ground water and make available sufficient water to the people?

Implementation of PMKSY in Jharkhand

2227. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the total amount allocated and released by the Central Government during 2015-16 and the current year under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) for Jharkhand;

(b) the amount utilized by the State;

(c) the targets achieved in that State; and

(d) the mechanism in place to ensure that expenditure is being incurred for the intended purposes and that the objectives of PMKSY are met?

Land acquired for Polavaram dam

2228. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) what is the total extent of land acquired in villages of Rajempalem, Pragadapalli, Yella Chintalagudem, Devarapalli in West Godavari district for Polavaram dam during the last 11 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that excess land has been acquired for canals and if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the steps proposed to be taken to have talks with the representatives of farmers and land-losers to find amicable solution in this regard; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to identify such land-losers in the aforementioned villages and allot them Project-Affected Cards within a fixed time-limit?

Assessment of water bodies

2229. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES,

RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no complete information with Government on the status of water bodies in the country;

(b) whether Government has considered to make a fair assessment of water bodies to prevent and remove the encroachments; and

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

Action against industrial units polluting Ganga

2230. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Central Pollution Control Board against industrial units polluting the Ganga during 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(b) the steps being taken to bridge the gap between sewage treatment capacity available and the demand being made in the towns along Ganga?

Cleaning of Ganga

2231. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) major steps taken for the cleaning of Ganga and particularly for preventing its further contamination, since 2014;

(b) the major areas in which people have remarkably participated in cleaning Ganga or preventing its contamination; and

(c) the public awareness measures taken by Government, so far, in this regard and the success of these efforts?

Study on ground water

‡2232. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of litres of sewerage from houses, cities and industries directly goes into rivers ponds and drains on daily basis which not only pollute rivers, ponds and drains but also pollute ground water on large scale and several diseases thrive due to drinking of polluted water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any study regarding pollution of ground water due to sewage;

(d) the step being taken by the Ministry for management of such polluted water; and

(e) the details thereof?

Status of linking of Bhima and Manjara rivers

2233. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the project linking Bhima and Manjara rivers;

(b) the estimated cost and time lines for the project and whether this project would help resolve the water deficiency in Marathwada region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, why the project is being implemented?

Prevention of water pollution in Ganga

‡2234. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which river Ganga has been cleaned so far under Namami Gange Programme by preventing water pollution in the basin of the river and the details thereof;

(b) the achievements made in view of cleaning a major tributary like river Yamuna so far as the cleaning of the river Ganga is impossible until its tributaries are made free from pollution; and

(c) in view of the pace of cleaning of the river Ganga, by when the water would be worth for regular consumption and the estimated expenditure for the same?

Cleaning of Ganga in U.P.

2235. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Clean Ganga scheme for Uttar Pradesh part has given zero results;

(b) if so, the details of expenditure incurred for the project, till date; and

(c) the action proposed by Government for actual development of Clean Ganga scheme therefor?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Irrigation potential

2236. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 80 per cent of water needs of the country is met from the ground water resulting into unprecedented depletion of ground water table and 40 per cent of cultivable area is dependent on irrigation;

(b) whether 81 per cent of irrigational potential has already been exploited under various schemes and the scope of further expansion of irrigational infrastructure is limited; and

(c) what major steps are being planned by Government for rain water harvesting for irrigation of cultivable land?

Water disputes between Punjab and Haryana

‡2237. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to resolve the water dispute that has arisen between Punjab and Haryana currently, the details thereof; and

(b) the salient points of Punjab-Haryana water sharing agreement executed in 1981 and the reasons arising out this dispute despite the agreement, the details thereof?

Bill for conservation, protection and management of ground water

2238. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the data for the decline in ground water levels, State-wise;

(b) the status of the National Groundwater Management Improvement Programme (NGMIP) and the draft Bill for conservation, protection, regulation and management of ground water; and

(c) whether proposed legal framework addresses the issue of drought risk and vulnerability assessment and mitigation measures and if so, the details thereof?

Meeting with Polavaram project affected persons

2239. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CEO of Polavaram Project Authority has either denied or avoided a meeting with the displaced farmers and tribals of Polavaram during the last six months;

(b) what are the reasons for not engaging with the Forum on Social and Human Rights to find humane solutions to their massive displacement; and

(c) the steps proposed to assure the project affected persons and the Forum of an early meeting in Delhi?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Yamuna water to Rajasthan from
Tajewala**

2240. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:
Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be
pleased to state:

(a) why Rajasthan is not receiving its
share of Yamuna water from Tajewala after

the allocation of Yamuna water by the
Upper Yamuna River Board;

(b) whether Government intends to
issue directions to Haryana Government
for release of Yamuna water from Tajewala
to Rajasthan for Churu and Jhunjhunu areas
of the State;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the constraints therein?

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