

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, Forests and Climate Change; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 160

Introduction of Continuous Miners System

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

(a) whether it is a fact that forty per cent of coal reserves in the country can be mined only through underground mines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is relatively an alarming decline in coal production through underground coal mines;

(c) whether there is a plan to introduce Continuous Miners System in this regard;

(d) by when this system is likely to be operational; and

(e) how many mines have been identified for this purpose including those in Jharkhand?

Auction of coal blocks

802. SHRI S. THANGAVELU:
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received a total of 31 bids from companies for 10 coal mines put on sale in the third tranche;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has so far auctioned 29 coal blocks in two tranches to private companies and garnered over ₹ 2 lakh crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disbursement of receipts from coal auctions

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

(a) how much revenue out of the

publicized figure of ₹ 2 lakh crore from coal auction has been received till date, block-wise;

(b) the total amount expected to be received through coal block licences including royalty income till the end of the licence period, year-wise and block-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware that none of the States have yet received their share from the coal auction receipts;

(d) if not, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of disbursement of receipts from coal auctions to West Bengal, block-wise?

Effect of privatisation of coal mines in Chhattisgarh

†804. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether privatisation of coal mines in Chhattisgarh has resulted in arbitrary mining and reduction in royalty to the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to this privatisation there are complaints regarding exploitation of mine labourers, farmers not being paid compensation for their land and environment being not taken care of; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide full protection to coal mines in Chhattisgarh?

Coal mines auctioned

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

(a) how many coal mines have been auctioned since June, 2014 till date in the

country State-wise along with the details of amount to be received; and

(b) how much money has been received by the Central and State Governments, particularly Odisha?

Investments by CIL to increase coal production

806. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) would invest over ₹ 62,500 crore during the next five years with an aim to increase annual coal production to 908 million tonnes by 2019-2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIL had produced 494 million tonnes of coal during 2014-15;

(d) whether even though this was three per cent lower than the targeted 507 million tonnes, the production registered an incremental growth of record 32 million tonnes as compared to cumulative growth of 31 million tonnes during 2010 to 2014; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Poor working conditions of labour in coal fields

807. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the poor working conditions of labour working in coal fields;

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(b) whether Government has taken any initiative to improve the working conditions and safety of labour in Coal India Limited and private coal fields; and

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

Drinking Water supply in villages

808. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on providing the drinking water through water tankers in villages during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the other steps taken by Government to avail the safe drinking water in villages;

(c) the names of Municipal Corporations providing drinking water through water tankers in the country; and

(d) the amount spent by Government on providing drinking water supply in Municipal Corporations during the last three years?

Elimination of open defecation

809. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proportion of sample households practising open defecation has declined from 55 per cent during 2005-06 to 46 per cent during 2013-14 *i.e.*, by only 9 per cent in 8 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for slow rate of reduction of open defecation and measures being taken to

accelerate the rate of elimination of open defecation in the country?

Supply of piped drinking water in rural areas

†810. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of ongoing schemes with a view to provide piped drinking water in rural areas and the details of achievements made as per the target during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether people in rural areas has to travel a long distance for drinking water even today;

(c) if so, the details of estimated distance people have to travel for this purpose;

(d) the number of such villages having concentration of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes where drinking water is not being supplied through pipeline; and

(e) by when piped drinking water is targeted to be provided in such areas, State-wise?

Rural water supply and sanitation project in Telangana

811. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one project for rural water supply and sanitation is under implementation with the help of World Bank in Telangana;

(b) if so, the status of implementation of the project; and

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(c) the total population which would be benefited from the above project, district-wise?

Drinking water and sanitation facilities in rural areas of Maharashtra

812. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages and rural areas of Maharashtra 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 road map and schedule of Government to provide all the villages with the said facilities?

Setting up of Fluoride and Arsenic Mitigation Centres

813. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments including Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha have submitted proposals for setting up of Fluoride and Arsenic Mitigation Centres in their respective States;

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

(c) the action taken by the Central Government on the said proposals, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the said centres are likely to be set up?

Supply of pure drinking water and provision for sanitation

†814. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state the details of measures taken and implemented for supply of pure drinking water and provision of sanitation facilities from May, 2014 till date, State-wise?

Drinking water and sanitation projects in M.P.

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

(a) the details of drinking water and sanitation projects submitted by Madhya Pradesh along with other States during the last year and the current financial year;

(b) the details of projects sanctioned and under consideration;

(c) the reasons for rejection and delay of these projects; and

(d) the details of funds released for these projects, State and Union Territory-wise?

Additional funds under NRDWP

†816. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has submitted any request to the Central Government for according special status to the state with regard to water and for allocation of additional funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme keeping in view the water crisis in the State; and if so, the details of action taken so far by the Central Government;

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(b) whether the Central Government proposes to accede to the above requests; and

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

Quality of drinking water

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

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of huge spending by the Central and State Governments there are continuing problems in ensuring the supply of quality as well as quantity of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to solve this problem?

Safe drinking water to all households

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a survey, about 9 per cent of the people did not have access to safe drinking water during 2013-14; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken to ensure access to safe drinking water to all the households in the country within a time limit?

Sanitation and drinking water facilities in rural areas

819. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

fact that out of 33.9 per cent SC households only 22.8 per cent households in rural areas are having lavatory within their living premises;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to ensure such facilities to all SC households;

(c) whether Government is aware that only 35 per cent of SC households are having drinking water sources within their living premises; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to ensure drinking water to all SC households?

Safe drinking water in quality affected habitations

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

(a) whether, as per the report of Integrated Management Information System, 66,761 water quality affected habitations in rural areas of the country are yet to be provided with safe drinking water as on 1st April, 2015;

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

(c) the target of Government to provide safe drinking water facility till 31st March, 2016 along with the achievements therein, State-wise; and

(d) the details of community water purification plants set up in the country in heavy metals, fluoride and arsenic affected rural habitations during the last three years and the current year, State-wise as, on date?

Implementation of SBM

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

(a) whether the Ministry has successfully transferred funds to the stakeholders in all the State Governments and/or municipalities for effective implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds to the poor for toilets under SBM

†822. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering providing funds to the poor for building toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

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

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

Construction of toilets under SBM

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

(a) whether any targets have been fixed for building toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission, year-wise, urban/rural area-wise and State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the targets for the year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 are achieved;

(c) the number of toilets which are defunct, State/Union Territory-wise;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that sewage, waste disposal and water availabilities have not been taken care in most of the cases; and

(e) the corrective measures, if any, contemplated to set right the problems and make the mission a success?

Setting up of electro-defluoridation plants

824. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up electro-defluoridation plants in States where fluoride concentration in drinking water is higher than the permissible limit of 1.5 mg/l;

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

(c) what are the measures taken by Government to reduce the high concentration of fluoride in the ground water in such fluoride affected States/areas during the last one year?

Allocation under NRDWP for West Bengal

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the implementation of NRDWP many people in rural areas do not have access to safe drinking water;

(b) the amount allocated to West Bengal during the present financial year for providing safe drinking water in rural areas under NRDWP;

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(c) the names of districts of the State in which NRDWP is being presently implemented; and

(d) the number of villages in rural areas of the State identified as not having access to drinking water facilities, district-wise?

Drinking water resources in the country

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

(a) whether Government is aware that India has less than one per cent of drinking water resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that beverage manufacturing companies have nexus with water treatment plants to get illegal supply of water;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the steps Government is taking to provide safe drinking water to all the households in the country?

Providing toilets to BPL households in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether all the Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in Maharashtra and the rest of the country have been provided with toilets;

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

(c) if not, what is the present status of backlog, State and UT-wise; and

(d) by when all the BPL households would be provided with toilets?

Rural habitations under NRDWP in Tamil Nadu

828. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed a target of 4,500 rural habitations under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in the State of Tamil Nadu during the current financial year 2015-2016;

(b) if so, the details of target accomplished, till now; and

(c) the details of funds released, so far, for this purpose?

Drinking water facilities in rural schools

†829. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to provide drinking water facilities in rural schools;

(b) whether any target had been fixed to provide drinking water in these schools during the last Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) whether prescribed targets could not be achieved in many States?

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Funds allocated and disbursed for toilets in rural areas

830. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and proportion of rural households without toilets, State-wise and year-wise since 2010;

(b) the funds allocated and disbursed for construction of toilets in rural areas under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), State-wise;

(c) the rate of open defecation in India and rate of usage of toilets constructed under SBM, State-wise since 2010;

(d) the proportion of SBM funds spent to increase public awareness about the need to use toilets; and

(e) the details of Government measures to increase use of toilets in rural areas?

National forestry and Environmental Information system

831. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the greening of degraded lands, afforestation and eco-restoration of ecologically sensitive areas and the technology-based monitoring of forest cover, biodiversity through dedicated satellite by 2017;

(b) the details of funds allocated, disbursed for these green initiatives;

(c) whether Government has plans to establish an open web-based National

Forestry and Environmental Information system for research and public accessibility by 2015 and Green Guards/Community Foresters for every Joint Forest Management (JFM) village by 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Preparation of climate change action plans

832. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently asked the State Governments and UTs to prepare Climate Change Action Plans consistent with the National Action Plan;

(b) if so, whether multiple environmental crises, that confront the country, have created an alarming situation in many ways; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide special assistance to the State Governments/UTs for the purpose?

Checking of deforestation

†833. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved any success in checking deforestation during the last two years;

(b) the steps taken by Government for protection and development of forests; and

(c) the amount allocated/released/ utilized for this purpose in Uttar Pradesh along with other States?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Steps taken to deal with global warming

†834. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that, as per some of the scientific reports, global warming may cause increased temperature during summer season in future;

(b) whether Government has carried out any study in this regard; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to deal with the danger of global warming?

Number of lions in the country

835. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in western Gujarat is the only habitat for the asiatic lion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the census figures of living wild animals particularly lions in the country, State-wise and forest-wise?

Schemes to increase forest cover

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that, to deal with the negative effect of climate change, it is essential to increase the forest cover;

(b) if so, the percentage of land on which afforestation is essential for this purpose;

(c) whether Government has decided to implement various schemes to increase the forest cover; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for implementation of each scheme during the current financial year?

Pollution control and environmental protection in Rohtang

†837. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD:
SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Green Tribunal has issued show cause notice to Himachal Pradesh Government for non-compliance in matters of pollution control and environmental protection in Rohtang;

(b) if so, the action taken by the State Government in this regard and if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken against the officials found guilty in these matters?

Environmental offenders in NER

838. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of environmental offenders in the North Eastern Region (NER) during the last year;

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(b) the details of pending cases against such offenders in the region and the action taken against them; and

(c) the present status of constitution of National Environment Protection Authority?

Poaching of animals

†839. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of poaching of animals is still rampant in the forests of the country;

(b) whether officers and employees of the forest department are ready to deal with the poachers;

(c) the number of cases of poaching which have come to light in the country during the last two years; and

(d) the number of persons arrested and punished for poaching during the above period?

Improvement of bird sanctuaries and zoological parks

840. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government envisages to improve wildlife, bird sanctuaries and zoological parks in the country to protect endangered animals and birds;

(b) the details of funds allocated and disbursed during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the details of progress made under Project Elephant and Save Tiger Projects during the last five years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to develop bird sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu and to develop Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON)?

Discharge of industrial effluents in Godavari

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

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that two paper plants one near Bhadrachalam, Telangana and another at Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh are discharging industrial effluents into Godavari river and thereby causing pollution in the river; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

Level of pollution in rivers

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

(a) the number of rivers in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any study has been made to assess the level of pollution in each river and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to make the rivers free from pollution; and

(d) the further action proposed, if any, to prevent occurrence of pollution in future?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Forest clearances for mining projects

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

(a) how many requests for the grant of forest clearances for mining projects, including coal and iron have been received by Government since the year 2000;

(b) how many of these requests have been denied;

(c) on what grounds these clearances were denied; and

(d) the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Framing air quality norms

†844. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether air pollution is one of the main causes of concern for the human health in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has framed air quality norms in various cities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to control air pollution; and

(d) whether a specialist body is proposed to be set up to suggest the ways in which air pollution can be controlled and if so, the details thereof?

Illegal felling of forests

†845. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether forests are illegally being felled on a large scale in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any steps to curb it; and

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

Pollution caused by hydroelectric projects

846. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has made it mandatory for hydroelectric projects across India to maintain 15 per cent downstream flow in rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hydroelectric projects are causing pollution in water bodies in the downstream;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Central Government has issued direction to control pollution caused by hydroelectric projects in the downstream;

(f) if so, the response of the State Governments thereon, State-wise; and

(g) the action taken by the Central Government to control pollution in the river caused by hydroelectric projects?

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Safe disposal of e-waste

847. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that e-waste is increasing menacingly in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has fixed any norms for safety of workers handling e-waste;

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

(e) the steps taken by Government for safe disposal of e-waste in the country?

Proposals from West Bengal pending for environmental clearance

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

(a) whether a number of proposals from West Bengal-Government and non-Government organisations are pending for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor, project-wise?

Ban on sand mining in the river beds

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

(a) whether it is a fact that river beds of almost all the rivers have become shallow

due to ban on sand mining, resulting in frequent floods across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to chalk out a sustainable policy for sand mining, in order to clear sand from shallow river beds across the country?

Setting up of tiger safaris by NTCA

850. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has decided to set up tiger safaris adjoining all its major tiger reserves;

(b) whether it is a fact that today India is home to 70 per cent of world's wild tigers and there are around 2,226 tigers in 48 tiger reserves in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NTCA has also decided to develop a standard operating procedure that would guide the reserves on setting up such safaris and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the move would bring in much needed additional revenue which can be used for the welfare of endangered species?

Controlling poaching of wild animals

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

(a) whether Government has devised/ worked out a unique system to control poaching of wild animals especially tigers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of such animals that have been poached from several habitats of such wildlife;

(d) whether it is proposed to deploy some specialized men/force to control this menace; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Demarcation of eco-sensitive Zone around Okhla Bird Sanctuary

852. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has demarcated the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) around the Okhla Bird Sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Green Tribunal has directed the Noida Authority in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of unauthorized constructions in the above ESZ?

Forest land diverted for non-forestry purposes

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

(a) the details of forest land which have been diverted for non-forestry purpose since coming into force of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and

(b) the details of funds collected under the Compensatory Afforestation

Management Planning Authority for forest land diverted for non-forestry purposes?

Incidents of illegal sand mining

854. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of increasing incidents of illegal sand mining in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of illegal sand mining cases booked in the country including those States during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether Government has taken any deterrent action against illegal miners to curb illegal sand mining in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Western Ghats

855. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which cover Western Ghats;

(b) the talukas of various States which come thereunder;

(c) the area thereof in square kilometers;

(d) the restriction imposed or proposed to be imposed on the development of the area;

(e) the views expressed by Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka on the recommendations made by experts with respect to Western Ghats; and

(f) the views accepted by Government, so far?

New species of plants and animals

856. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new species of plants and animals have been discovered during the last two years; and

(b) if so, how these discoveries would help us to get benefits in different ways?

National Clean Energy Fund

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

(a) whether there exists a National Clean Energy Fund;

(b) if so, the details of purpose and constitution of the fund; and

(c) the total cess collected to finance the fund so far, year-wise and how the money has been spent so far?

Setting up of solar parks

858. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up solar parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details of solar parks being developed, including the places identified along with investment being made for this purpose, State-wise; and

(c) the additional capacity of power likely to be created as a result of those solar parks?

Framework for repowering wind farms

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is developing a framework for repowering wind farms from 200-300 watt units to 2-5 MW that are available in the market with a view to ensure better capacity utilization of wind energy projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to use off-grid power generation in certain villages; and

(d) whether Government is creating a framework that, whenever the grid reaches there, the off grid guy can supply that power like generating in the grid?

Launching of Indian Wind Resources Atlas

860. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched the Indian Wind Resources Atlas with a tracking level of 100 metres that can also be used for measuring solar radiation, providing a tool for improving project efficiency and grid management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said Atlas would help Governments at both the Centre and State levels to deal with issues related to setting tariffs, transmission, grid

frequency, etc. and providing better infrastructure for the investors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy for solar rooftop panels

861. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidy for solar rooftop panels would be given only for four segments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been demand to expand the scheme of subsidy to other categories as well; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the view of Government in this regard?

Waste to energy projects

862. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether waste to energy projects are under implementation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of subsidy and other concessions granted, the number of units set up and power generated from waste-to-energy projects based on municipal and industrial wastes in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is considering any long term plan/programme to generate more energy from such wastes in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Encouragement to domestic households for installation of solar panels

863. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government encourages generation of solar energy;

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

(c) whether Government provides subsidy for installation of rooftop solar panels in domestic houses;

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

(e) whether Government proposes to encourage all the domestic households to install such solar panels which could be connected to a common grid;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Progress of solar parks and ultra mega solar power projects

864. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made in setting up solar parks and ultra mega solar power projects in the country;

(b) what is the total estimated amount allocated by Government for such projects; and

(c) whether Government has disbursed any funds for the purpose and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Solar grid-fed energy generation

865. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present capacity of solar grid-fed energy generation in the country;

(b) what is the subsidy being given at different levels in the grid-connected solar power plants; and

(c) the details of countries which are supplying photovoltaic plant panels to the country?

Amendment to guidelines for setting up grid connected solar power projects

866. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sought the view of developers and other stakeholders on the proposed amendment to the guidelines for setting up of over 2,000 MW grid connected solar power projects with viability gap funding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received an overwhelming response from the solar power developers on the proposed amendment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Target for solar energy generation

†867. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any

target to generate ample solar energy in the country;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to provide resources to States for generation of solar energy; and

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

Solar Scale-up Plan

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has drawn up a blueprint proposing a scheme for setting up of over 20,000 MW projects by unemployed youths and Gram Panchayats under the Solar Scale-up Plan of 1,00,000 MW;

(b) whether the draft memorandum is submitted for seeking concurrence on implementation of the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme and by when it would be implemented?

Road map for generation of renewable energy

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

(a) how much renewable energy generation was targeted during the last two years;

(b) how much has really been achieved;

(c) what stands in the way of a quantum jump in generation of such energy by Government or by private parties;

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(d) whether there are issues related to pricing and evacuation by State electricity boards especially in the case of solar energy and whether they are being solved; and

(e) what is the road map for next five years?

Development work under BRGF in most backward districts

†870. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of most backward districts in the country where development works are being done under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF);

(b) the details of development works being done presently under this scheme;

(c) whether Government would consider amending the prescribed works under the scheme; and

(d) if so, by when and the details of new works proposed to be included therein?

Provision of more financial powers to Panchayats

871. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government to provide more financial powers to Panchayats in the country during the current financial year;

(b) whether the said proposal would benefit the living standard of people of rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes/programmes for strengthening Panchayati Raj System

872. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government has taken to strengthen the Panchayati Raj System to bring reforms in rural India; and

(b) the schemes/programmes likely to be introduced?

Women representations in PRIs

873. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), State-wise and the percentage they constitute of the total elected representatives;

(b) whether Government has evaluated the impact of increased women participation in those Institutions on their socio-economic conditions and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to undertake measures to increase participation of women in PRIs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Special development package for Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) the steps taken by NITI Aayog to

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implement Section 46(2) and (3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, to provide special development package for the State;

(b) the details of requests made by the State Government in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

Groups/subgroups formed by NITI Aayog

†875. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog constituted by Government had formed some groups/subgroups on various subjects under the chairmanship of Chief Ministers;

(b) the number of such groups and the subjects which were under their consideration;

(c) whether the reports of these groups/subgroups have been submitted to the Aayog;

(d) if so, the salient features of these reports; and

(e) whether the Aayog is considering to form some more new groups?

Schemes transferred from Centre to States

876. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the development related schemes that have been transferred during the last two years ending the 31st March, 2015 from the Centre to States;

(b) whether the funds for these schemes are being provided by the Centre;

(c) if so, the details of schemes transferred along with the funds allocated therefor, State-wise; and

(d) if not, how the Central Government proposes for the States to manage funds for carrying out the transferred schemes?

Allocation of funds to Odisha

877. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Odisha has been discriminated in allocation of funds/packages as compared to its neighbouring States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government has lodged a protest in the matter;

(d) if so, the details of grievances of the State Government; and

(e) what action the Central Government has taken to address the grievances?

Special category status to Uttarakhand

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the special category status to Uttarakhand was granted and implemented after the creation of the State;

(b) if so, when such status was granted to the State;

(c) whether this status was extended for a further period; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Potential of hydro power generation in Arunachal Pradesh

†879. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh has requested the Central Government to take positive steps for early green clearance to power projects of the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a potential of 58,000 megawatt hydro power generation in that State;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when Government would take steps in this regard?

Streamlining of process in transmission sector

880. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operational power transmission assets in the country are emerging as an attractive asset category for the private sector;

(b) whether Government has been streamlining policies and process in the transmission sector;

(c) whether inter-State transmission projects are awarded through tariff-based competitive biddings ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Raising of funds by REC

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

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) plans to raise upto ₹ 700 crore through the issue of tax free bonds during this fiscal year to meet various funding needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether REC is authorised to raise ₹ 1,000 crore *via* such bonds; and

(d) whether REC is the leading lender for the power sector?

Ensuring availability of coal and gas to power projects

†882. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide 24 hour electricity throughout the country by 2022;

(b) whether it is a fact that power projects having 46,000 MW capacity are not generating power up to their capacity due to insufficient fuel, low tariffs and other reasons if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure availability of coal and gas to power projects as per their requirements; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses of DISCOMs have not come down and if so, the steps taken to reduce it?

Power generation

883. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total electricity being generated at present in the country, source-wise;

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(b) the quantum of electricity likely to be generated by thermal power plants which are presently unable to start generation due to non-supply of coal; and

(c) the targeted generation capacity of plants presently under various stages of construction and their projected dates of commissioning?

Electrification of villages

†884. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had made an announcement to provide electricity to each village in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of States which have been electrified in the country together with the number of villages yet to be electrified; and

(d) the number of villages electrified in backward States like Bihar together with the number of villages yet to be electrified?

Electrification of BPL households

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

(a) the number of un-electrified BPL households in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of targets achieved under various centrally sponsored schemes for electrification of BPL households, State-wise?

Coal linkages through new fuel supply agreements

886. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to bail out close to 21,400 mega watt capacity power plants by assuring coal linkages through new fuel supply agreements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the move comes after the Ministry revised the commercial operation date of these plants which were originally supposed to be commissioned by March, 2015;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether with the new assured fuel supply the above power plants would kick start and if so, the details thereof?

Super thermal power project at Darlipali, Odisha

887. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the board of NTPC had approved the setting up of 1600 MW super thermal power project at Darlipali, Odisha in January, 2014;

(b) if so, whether the land has been acquired and environmental clearance has been obtained for the project;

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

(d) the steps being taken by Government to complete the project as per the schedule?

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Setting up of new power plants

888. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to set up new power plants in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been earmarked therefor; and

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

Financial assistance to Goa for improving power supply

889. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to assist the State Government of Goa financially or otherwise for laying underground electric cables on the western coast of the State, as a security measure, to keep the coastline illuminated;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been chalked out in this regard; and

(c) the details of financial assistance given to the State Government for improving/enhancing power supply in the State during the last ten years, year-wise?

Rural electrification in Jharkhand

890. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, out of 32,615 villages, around 4,000 villages in Jharkhand are un-electrified and the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) has failed

to achieve its objectives because of large scale corruption;

(b) whether, due to inability of State power utilities to fund essential projects, the developmental activities in the power sector had not taken place in a comprehensive manner, resulting in poor quality of supply and frequent interruptions; and

(c) whether Atal Jyoti Abhiyan is aimed at providing round-the-clock quality power supply and if so, how Government would achieve its objectives in Jharkhand?

Pace of hydel power projects

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

(a) whether hydel projects in the country are not moving at the desired level and are moving at snail's pace;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government was able to get ₹ 9,000 crore worth Teesta Power Project back on track and the work is expected to start soon?

Increase in percentage of power royalty to Uttarakhand

†892. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the current electricity generation, in megawatts in Uttarakhand and the percentage out of that which is received by the State as royalty;

(b) whether electricity made available to the State is adequate;

(c) if not, whether Government would consider to accord approval to set up new

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power projects in the State to meet the power shortage; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider to increase the percentage of royalty to the State from the power being generated within the State and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hike in electricity tariffs

†893. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to increase electricity tariffs after having consultations with the States;

(b) the new policy of Government to gradually increase electricity tariffs;

(c) whether the likely impact of increase in electricity tariffs on common men has been looked into; and

(d) whether Government is considering to provide financial help to the States to bail out the State Electricity Boards?

Electricity supply from central pool

894. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of States/ Union Territories (UTs) remained power deficit in the country due to inadequate supply of power from the central pool during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of demand and supply of power from central pool during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study/enquiry in this regard and if so,

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate power supply to the power deficit States/UTs and to other States in the country?

Action plan for implementing National Grid Mission

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

(a) whether Government has asked all the State Governments to provide an action plan for implementation of National Grid Mission;

(b) if so, the number of States which have responded to this Mission and the number of projects sent by the State Governments;

(c) whether Government has also initiated projects under this Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the financial implications of the Mission?

Power situation

896. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power surplus and deficit States in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government plans to provide electricity for all by 2022 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) what would be the cost of providing electricity for all by 2022 and the manner in which this would be funded; and

(d) what impact this would have in achievement of the country's target to

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tackle emissions and cut intensity by about one-third by 2030 from 2005 levels?

Power shortage and consumption

897. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the projected power shortage in the country, State-wise ;

(b) the per capita power consumption in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the comparative figure of per capita power consumption in the country and other developing countries?

Power purchased by Bangladesh

898. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh has sought to source more power from India to meet its rising demand;

(b) if so, the quantum of power Bangladesh seeks to purchase and by when;

(c) how much power Bangladesh, sources from India at present; and

(d) what is the current weighted average tariff of Bangladesh's power purchase?

Scientific analysis for fixing speed limit on National Highways

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any scientific analysis for fixing speed limit on different stretches of National Highways and the number of speed limit signages placed thereon across the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to regularly amend the maximum speed limit on various stretches of National Highways in consultations with the local police taking into account road geometries, level of development, proportion of vulnerable road users and environmental emissions?

Colours for marking on roads, pavements and sidewalks

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

(a) whether the Indian Roads Congress, the national body of highway engineers, mandates the use of yellow, white and black colours for markings on roads, pavements and sidewalks because of their high visibility even in foggy conditions;

(b) whether the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals, to which India is a signatory, also stipulates the use of these three colours in road markings;

(c) whether, in contravention of these accepted and widely used norms, NDMC had experimented with green and saffron for marking on its roads, curbs and sidewalks, compromising on road safety aspects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Condition of National Highways in Assam

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

(a) whether many portions of National

Highways (NHs) in Assam are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action for their repair during the last one year and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned for the purpose during the said period;

(d) whether the repairing work on the said NHs is going on at slow pace; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by Government to expedite completion of repairing work and by when it is likely to be completed?

Probe into irregularities in toll collection on Delhi-Jaipur Highway

902. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has started a probe related to manipulations in Delhi-Jaipur Highway toll collection;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with names of companies against which enquiry is registered;

(c) the details of complaints registered along with the respective authorities responsible for manipulations in toll collections, misbehaviour, etc.; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure proper functioning of tolls across the country?

Upgradation of roads to NHs

903. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade roads/highways in the country to National Highways (NHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the time by which they are likely to be upgraded;

(c) whether Government also proposes to build/upgrade highways between Karnataka and neighbouring States; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the details of feasibility study conducted by Government in this regard?

Construction work on Jashpur-Ambikapur road

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

(a) the amount sanctioned and the width of the road from Jashpur to Ambikapur *via* Pathalgaon in Chhattisgarh;

(b) when the tender process would start therefor; and

(c) whether bypasses required in Jashpur town, Pathalgaon and at Gumla, where NH-43, starts, would be constructed under the project?

Expansion of NHs in North-Eastern States

905. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up the expansion programme of National Highways in the North Eastern States;

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(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and National Highway-wise, particularly in Tripura; and

(c) the present status of the expansion plan and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Upgradation of highways to express highways

906. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade certain highways to world class express highways in the country, particularly in West Bengal and Maharashtra;

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

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started and completed; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by Government to boost highway construction in the country?

Accidents on National Highways

907. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many accidents on National Highways are reported across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many accidents were reported during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) what are the steps/measures being taken by Government to reduce accidents on National Highways?

Land acquired for National Highways

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

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

(b) how much land has been acquired by Government in Odisha for this purpose;

(c) what are the norms set by Government to expand the construction of National Highways in that State;

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

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

Gap between NCRB and WHO estimates on road accidents

909. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry acknowledges the errors causing huge gap between the official National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) estimates and WHO estimates regarding the number of fatalities in road accidents;

(b) if so, how the Ministry plans to rework the methodology for data collection/estimation/analysis; and

(c) if not, how the Ministry explains this huge gap, almost to the tune of 51 per cent?

Steps to reduce road fatalities

910. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road safety stakeholders across the world have asked political leadership to act rather than just making commitments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one in every 10 road deaths across the globe is recorded in India;

(d) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(e) the decision taken in the Brasilia meet to reduce the road fatalities?

New National Highways

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced the construction of new National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such National Highways in the country and their number and locations in Bihar?

National Highways constructed *vis-a-vis* target fixed

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

(a) what is the length and breadth of National Highways constructed during the last one and a half year and added to the already built up ones;

(b) what is the amount of expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) how much is expected to be constructed/added against the target fixed for the purpose?

Reactivation of stalled highway projects

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

(a) whether in a move to reactivate stalled highway projects, the Central Government has now authorised the National Highways Authority of India to pay compensation to concessionaires in case of delays not attributable to them;

(b) whether this step is likely to benefit about 34 stalled projects by allowing extension of concession period for all current projects under BOT (Toll) mode which are languishing for reasons not attributable to the concessionaires; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Highways Advisory Radio System

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

(a) whether Government proposes to launch a Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) system like radio channel;

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

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(c) by when a free to air infotainment system is likely to be operational on all National Highways?

Auction of completed highway projects

915. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to auction its completed, public-funded, highway projects;

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

(c) the details of such projects proposed to be auctioned, State-wise including Odisha and Maharashtra;

(d) whether the buyer would be given the toll collection rights on the highway stretches which would be auctioned; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Four laning of NH-91

916. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 95 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th July, 2014 and state:

(a) the present condition of Ghaziabad-Aligarh-Kanpur National Highway No. 91;

(b) whether four laning of this highway from Ghaziabad to Aligarh has been completed;

(c) how much work has been done between Aligarh and Kanpur on this Highway; and

(d) by when the remaining work would be completed?

Changes in provisions for issuing of driving licences

917. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the proposed new Motor Vehicles Act, Government proposes to make the driving licence procedure more transparent and stringent in order to curb fake licences;

(b) whether it is also proposed to implement strict guidelines to test and train the driving licence applicants; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the new Act to safeguard the rights of pedestrians, drivers, physically challenged persons and to curb the incidents of road rage?

Pace of construction of roads

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

(a) the length of roads, in kilometers, being constructed at present as Government had promised to construct 30 km roads, daily;

(b) the percentage escalation in the cost of these projects due to delay in their construction;

(c) whether Government is considering any other scheme to complete the construction of roads at the earliest; and

(d) whether Government is considering imposing fines on road construction companies responsible for delays?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Toll gates in the country

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

- (a) the number of toll gates on National Highways, State-wise;
- (b) the agency which is collecting fee at these gates;
- (c) whether these gates are awarded through tender process;
- (d) the total amount collected annually, State-wise; and
- (e) how much of fuel is being wasted on toll gates in the country?

Jam on NH-58 due to ongoing construction work

†920. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether vehicles and passengers going to Dehradun, Roorkee, Haridwar and other areas from Delhi have to face great difficulties due to heavy two-three hour long jams daily as a result of very slow pace of ongoing construction work on National Highway No. 58 between Purkaji and Roorkee-Haridwar in view of 'Ardh Kumbh' to be held in Haridwar 2016; and
- (b) if so, the details of action taken/being taken by Government to expedite the construction of this road?

Disposal of pending road accident cases

921. SHRI MANSUKH L. MAN-DAVIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred

Question 1506 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 2013 and state:

- (a) the updated status of amendment to certain Sections of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;
- (b) the total number of accident claim cases pending in the country, State-wise and how many of them are more than ten years old; and
- (c) the action taken by the Central Government in coordination with the State Governments, as on date, for speedy disposal of long pending accident cases before the Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals?

Difference between market rate and grants under IAY

922. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present rate at which Government provides grants per house for construction of houses under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);
- (b) whether there is a huge difference between the present rate under IAY and the market rate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with Government's reaction thereto;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to bridge the difference between market rate and the grants being provided by Government under IAY; and
- (e) how much assistance has been provided to Maharashtra particularly Vidarbha region during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Neeranchal scheme

†923. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated
scheme named Neeranchal for watershed
development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated during the
current financial year and the amount
sanctioned, so far; and

(d) the names of the States which would
be benefited under this scheme?

Villages adopted under SAGY

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

(a) whether more than 100 Members of
Parliament (MPs) have not yet adopted
villages under the Saansad Adarsh Gram
Yojana (SAGY);

(b) what are the difficulties that the
Ministry is facing to convince the MPs to
adopt villages;

(c) whether Government proposes to
stop release of their MPLAD funds if
anyone fails to adopt a village during the
next 1-2 months; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rural wage growth

925. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will
the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the reports indicating that
the rural wage growth has hit the lowest
level during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by
Government to reverse the trend?

**Integrated land information
management system**

926. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will
the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, under the
National Land Records Modernisation
Programme (NLRMP), Government
aims to build an integrated land information
management system with up-to-date
and real-time land records across the
country;

(b) if so, the details of computerisation
of land records achieved since the inception
of this programme;

(c) whether Government has fixed any
time limit for completion of computerisation
of land records across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**People below poverty line in Uttar
Pradesh**

†927. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will
the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a
large number of people are living below
poverty line and are getting the benefits of
B.P.L. in many States including Uttar
Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being
taken by Government till now in this
regard?

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Enquiry into cases of irregularities under MGNREGA

928. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of irregularities reported under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of such cases inquired into by National Level Monitors (NLMs) during the above period State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of cases wherein irregularities have been established during the above period, State-wise and year-wise?

Homeless families included under IAY

†929. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/guidelines to identify Below-Poverty-Line (BPL) families in the country;

(b) the number of beneficiaries covered under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) since its inception in the country, State and UT-wise;

(c) the number of homeless families included under IAY, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has recently reviewed the IAY and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Housing loan for construction of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana

930. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum/ceiling of assistance provided to the beneficiaries for construction of houses under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY);

(b) whether housing loan on low interest from the public sector banks is being proposed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a wider variety of designs to model houses under IAY is also being proposed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantum of assistance provided to Maharashtra and amount utilized, so far?

Delay in payment of wages under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether almost all the States have faltered in paying wages on time to workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA);

(b) if so, the details of wage arrears of MGNREGA workers, as on date, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(c) the main reasons for delay in payment of wages to MGNREGA workers;

(d) whether any State has paid compensation to workers for delayed

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payments and later recovered the same from erring functionary concerned, so far, and if so the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

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

Creche facilities for women workers under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether there is a minimum requisite standard for the crèche facility that is provided to women at the worksite under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA);

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

(c) whether these facilities are available only at the worksite and if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance for digitisation of land records

933. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for creation of or has created modern record rooms and digitization of land records in all the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance provided to States and UTs thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State and UT-wise; and

(d) the details of under-utilization of funds and the reasons therefor, if any?

Identification of BPL population

†934. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision to conduct a census of poor people in the country and Government merely updates the figures on the basis of estimates prepared by the National Sample Survey Organisation;

(b) whether the criteria adopted for differentiation between people living below poverty line and the middle class are quite comprehensive; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism to identify the number of BPL people attaining the standard of above poverty line people?

Performance of MGNREGA

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

(a) the number of man-days employment generated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) the expenditure incurred on MGNREGA during these years; and

(c) the details of changes Government plans in the structure of MGNREGA to make it more effective?

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Plight of Polavaram dam displaced people

936. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received reports/petitions of violence against tribals and farmers at Anguluru village to evict them from their houses and properties for the Polavaram dam;

(b) whether it is a fact that these evictees are now staying on the roads without payment of their due compensation under the Land Acquisition Act, 2013; and

(c) what steps are proposed to direct the concerned Central agencies and Polavaram Dam Authority to send a fact finding team and immediately bring back these villagers?

Target of 101 waterways

937. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the blueprint prepared by Government to achieve its target of 101 waterways in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that 101 rivers have been identified for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to Telangana; and

(d) how waterways are commercially viable as compared to rail and road ways?

Satellite port project in Maharashtra

938. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved a satellite port project in a joint venture at Dahanu, Maharashtra;

(b) whether an MoU to this effect has been signed between the Central and State Government; and

(c) by when this project is likely to come up and start functioning?

Transport facilities for Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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

(a) whether Government is aware about the problems faced by citizens living in Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands because of limited means of transport to the mainland of the country;

(b) the details of existing facilities of transport of cargo and passengers along with the frequency, Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide any subsidy or rebate for development of transportation facilities to those Union Territories; and

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

Efficiency of public sector ports

940. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operational efficiency of public sector ports *vis-à-vis* the private sector ports is getting affected due to the regulations of Tariff Regulatory Authority of major ports;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto along with the steps being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the public sector ports are finding it difficult to compete with private sector ports; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken thereon?

Kollam port in Kerala

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

(a) whether Government has any scheme to promote small and medium ports in the country under the current plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Kollam Port in Kerala has been given any project and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of dredging harbour in A.P.

942. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up a dredging harbour in Antarvedi in Kurnool and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the funds released and spent for this purpose?

Dam on Brahmaputra river by China

943. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:

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

(a) whether China's 1.5 billion dollar Zangmu Hydro Power Project on river Brahmaputra and dams on the rivers originating in the Tibetan Plateau are of serious concern to India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India had expressed its concern to China and it has not been very responsive;

(c) whether China is planning to build a few hundred new power projects in the Himalayas including some major ones with plan to divert water flows to eastern China which could be disastrous to India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to negotiate water sharing agreement with China?

Tunnel through Seshachalam Hills

944. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice that in Andhra Pradesh a tunnel is being constructed through the Holy Seshachalam Hills at Tirupati to supply Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi (HNSS) water upto the Nagari ignoring Agama Shastras and objections of Tirumala Tirupati priests; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government would consider intervening in the matter and offering suitable advice to the State Government?

Construction of small check dams in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) whether in Sanna area specially in Jashpur and Sarguja districts of Chhattisgarh, lots of small rivers are there in which water flows throughout the year which goes waste;

(b) whether small check dams at a few distances can be built so that water could be stored and the water level could go up and help in water harvesting; and

(c) what action Government would take to store water which is going waste in the above districts of the State?

Funds for Polavaram project

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

(a) the total amount committed and the extent of funds released so far by Government for Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the progress of project and the total amount required, with State and Central share; and

(c) the time by which it is expected to be completed?

Progress of Namami Gange Scheme

†947. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of 'Namami Gange' scheme announced by the Prime Minister;

(b) the difficulties being faced in the implementation of this scheme; and

(c) whether Government proposes to enact any new law to make this scheme successful?

Water supply to Rajasthan

†948. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of water supply schemes sent by Government of Rajasthan which are pending with the Central Government;

(b) whether Government proposes to sanction those schemes and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the State Government has also sought financial help from the Central Government for repairing the canals and if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken for cleaning Ganga

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

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

(a) the details of steps taken by

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Government for cleaning Ganga during the last two years and the resentment expressed by the National Green Tribunal in this regard; and

(b) the amount spent on the existing basic infrastructure and resources during that period towards cleaning Ganga?

Receding ground water level

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that waterfalls in the hilly regions are drying and the ground water level is receding in the plains continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to recharge the ground water reserves;

(d) the rate of ground water receding and whether there is a possibility of shortage of drinking water in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Water situation in the country

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

(a) whether the water situation across India appears grim as the total storage in 91 main reservoirs across the country has gone below the average of the last 10 years;

(b) whether the reservoirs currently hold 91 billion cubic metres (BCM) of water only which is 58 per cent of their total live storage capacity;

(c) the reservoirs existing in Maharashtra with their capacity;

(d) whether all of them hold water to their full capacity or less than that;

(e) the overall situation of water in that State in BCM; and

(f) the details of arrangements made to improve the situation in that State *vis-à-vis* the whole country?

Water storage capacity of reservoirs

952. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present storage capacity of various reservoirs in the country, reservoir-wise;

(b) the storage capacity to be added through projects under construction, project-wise; and

(c) the storage capacity estimated to be created through projects under consideration?

Repairing of locks of Farakka Barrage

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several locks of the Farakka Barrage are damaged and are in immediate need of repair;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether excess water was released to Bangladesh due to washing away of a damaged lock at Farakka Barrage?

Action Plan for Ganga rejuvenation

954. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been prepared for Ganga rejuvenation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how this plan is proposed to be implemented in West Bengal; and

(d) what would be the role of the State in this regard?

Cleaning of Ganga

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

(a) whether it is a fact that no progress has been made in cleaning of Ganga under the Ganga Action Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the progress made in cleaning of rest of the rivers including Ganga; and

(d) the details of amount allocated and the expenditure incurred for the purpose so far?

Work on aquifer mapping

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

(a) whether Government has initiated the work on aquifer mapping proposed during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to share the expenditure likely to be incurred with respective State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the expected total expenditure;

(d) whether Heliborne Geophysical Surveys have been undertaken on a pilot basis in five States in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of survey including the potential for ground water exploration?

Irrigation by Bangon dam

†957. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether irrigation in Korba, Janjgir and Raigarh districts of Chhattisgarh is done with the water of Bangon dam;

(b) whether the area under irrigation has reduced due to excess of power plants in the districts mentioned above; and

(c) whether water of the dam could be provided for irrigation to district Raigarh and Sarangarh area by building a canal bridge on Mahanadi river?

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Power and irrigation facilities under NWDA

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

(a) whether there is any scheme under the National Water Development Agency to generate power and create irrigation facilities from ground water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of different works carried out under the said scheme and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Pollution in Yamuna

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

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has found that Yamuna river in Delhi has been polluted so much due to

industries and sewerage waste that the water of this river is not fit for drinking purposes of the residents of Delhi;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to clean it immediately; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for cleaning the river in Delhi and the details of total expenditure of the above project?

Cleaning of Ganga and Yamuna

960. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various steps taken by Government to clean Ganga and Yamuna Rivers flowing through various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government has made any separate scheme for the rejuvenation of Yamuna river also;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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