

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, April 10, 2017/Chaitra 20, 1939 (Saka)*

(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

Coking coal imports

4157. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) quantity of coking coal imported into India during the last three years;
- (b) the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) what is the impact of the cost of coking coal on the steel industry; and
- (d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the supply in the country?

has taken any steps for increasing the work efficiency of coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any reshuffling has been done to ensure supply of coal to plants from coal bearing mines situated near them, if so, the details thereof and the savings due to the above; and

(d) whether Coal India Limited proposes to increase these savings by resorting to reshufflings and if so, the details thereof?

Increasing work efficiency of coal mines

†4158. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government

Buyback plan of CIL

4159. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited (CIL) has said that it would not go ahead with the proposed buyback plan worth ₹ 1,001.8 crore;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this decision was taken looking into company's financial record as on 31st December, 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Filing of cases against senior officials

4160. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has filed any cases against any senior officials of the Department of Coal for their alleged indulgence in serious corruption related offences after May, 2014 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the number of officials sued by Government who have previously been convicted and punished between 2004-2014?

Interference of coal mafia in management of coal mines

4161. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal mafia is interfering in the management of Government owned coal mines in many States;

(b) if so, a list of such coal mines, State-wise;

(c) what measures has Government adopted to get rid of such illegal and unauthorized interference by coal mafia; and

(d) whether Government has received any complaints from any of the private

coal mine owner, of such interference from the coal mafia and if so, what action Government has taken in this regard?

Management of coal stockpiles

4162. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 84 million tonnes of coal has been stockpiled, comprising 48 million tonnes at Coal India Limited mines and another 36 million tonnes at power plants; and

(b) if so, steps taken to manage the coal stock, avoid deterioration in its quality and fire safety arrangements thereof?

Coal imported from abroad

4163. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of coal imports in percentage from other countries during 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) the number of imported coal based power stations; and

(c) the procedures of coal allocation and distribution to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)?

Tendering process in washing coking coal

4164. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) when was the tendering process for washing coking coal first conceived in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL);

(b) for the unusual delays in completing the tendering process, what action has been taken against the officers responsible for delays/negligence;

(c) does this delay affect the country's capacity to meet the demand for coking coal; and

(d) what roadmap does Government have to complete the tendering process so as to meet the demand supply gap that is increasing steadily?

Washing of coking coal in BCCL

4165. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of coking coal being washed in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the quantity of washed coking coal imported during the said period;

(c) whether Government has plans to meet the increased demand for coking coal in the light of increases in steel production; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to enhance production of coking coal in BCCL?

Illegal coal mining in Jharkhand

†4166. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Bhado Tola village located near Lalmatiya mines in Jharkhand is in danger of caving in due to illegal mining;

(b) whether it is a fact that several buildings have developed cracks due to blasting and cattle have died after falling into deep trenches;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to relocate these villagers elsewhere; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Availability of safe drinking water in villages

†4167. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country presently having safe drinking water available for 365 days;

(b) the number of villages where safe drinking water is not available for 365 days even today;

(c) whether Government has made any plan to make drinking water available for 365 days in each village throughout the country; and

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

Declaration regarding safe drinking water as a fundamental right

4168. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to declare access to safe drinking water as a fundamental right of every citizen of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of rural habitations in the country and the number of them provided with safe drinking water facility, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to chalk out an action plan to achieve 100 per cent coverage of habitations/villages with regard to safe drinking water by 2020 and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Proposals for sanitation projects under SBM (G)

4169. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of district sanitation project proposals have been received from various States under the Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin (SBM-G); and

(b) if so, the details of the project proposals approved, funds allocated/released/utilized during the last two years, State/UT-wise?

Schemes for provision of clean drinking water

4170. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has prepared schemes for providing clean drinking water to the common people of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of States in the country, where work is under progress under the clean drinking water mission and the districts in Maharashtra where this mission is being run; and

(d) by when Government plans to achieve the objectives of this scheme?

Utilisation of NRDWP funds

4171. 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 spending the funds released under

National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and there are huge balances in the States under these funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds released and balance available during the last year, State-wise?

Allocation of funds for MHM under SBM (G)

4172. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), State-wise and year-wise from 2014 onward;

(b) the details of funds spent from Solid Liquid Waste Management Funds to set up incinerators in schools and the number of such incinerators set up, State-wise and year-wise from 2014 onward;

(c) the details of allocation made and amount spent for MHM under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) since 2014, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism put in place to measure number of beneficiaries and impact?

Implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission in Puducherry

4173. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in Puducherry is lagging far behind the targets set;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted by Government on the status of implementation, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to achieve the desired targets of SBM in the State?

Construction of toilets under SBM(G)

4174. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of toilets constructed under SBM-G are of poor quality;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to check the quality of toilets constructed and to ensure the safety of the users?

Implementation of SBM in Karnataka

4175. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of components under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) being implemented in the country;

(b) the status of implementation of SBM in Karnataka; and

(c) the implementation of SBM in Karnataka as compared to other States?

Assistance to States for safe drinking water

†4176. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

provide special annual assistance/additional annual assistance to States having poor quality of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount proposed to be provided to each State and Union Territory and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has received some proposals regarding special annual assistance/additional annual assistance from various States, including Madhya Pradesh, to provide safe drinking water to people and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon, State-wise?

Scarcity of water due to water based industries

4177. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make it mandatory for all water based industries and plants to spend a part of their Corporate Social Responsibility funds, especially for the cleanliness and preservation of water, the details thereof;

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) these industries extract all ground water resulting in a fall in ground water level in the area and if so, the details of steps are being taken to ensure that local people do not suffer due to scarcity of water because of these plants in the area?

Construction of toilets under SBM (G) in Maharashtra and U.P.

4178. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of toilets constructed in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh during the last three years under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G);

(b) the amount of funds sanctioned/ released and utilised for construction of the said toilets; and

(c) the number of toilets proposed to be constructed in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra during the next two years?

Financial assistance under SBM in Chhattisgarh

†4179. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects received from Chhattisgarh Government under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in year 2016-17 along with the projects approved by the Central Government;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided to the Chhattisgarh Government during above period for said projects;

(c) whether funds have been allocated for management of solid and fluid wastes works in villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the funds released to Chhattisgarh Government under above component during said period?

Report of providing clean drinking water in rural areas

4180. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report, 'Wild Water, State of the World Water 2017' released recently, 63.4 million people in rural areas are living without access to clean drinking water;

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

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in response to above report to provide clean drinking water in rural areas?

Supply of drinking water under NRDWP

4181. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been only a marginal increase in fully covered habitations and decrease in partially covered habitations as regards supply of drinking water under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during Twelfth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for this slow growth as compared to the targeted growth rate; and

(d) names of States, which could not achieve the targets in providing drinking water during the period?

Report of IPCC

†4182. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water crisis in the country is aggravating due to global warming;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of the United Nations has expressed a possibility of 0.3 to 4.8 celcius increase in the global temperature and

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drought, serious crisis of water and food till the end of 21st century;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to address this situation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Commitment at Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change

4183. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any specific commitment at the Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change to reduce the quantum of greenhouse gases within a time-frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken into consideration the emission intensity which declined by 20-25 per cent after 2010; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the commitment in this regard by Government, hampered the development needs?

National plan on tackling climate change

4184. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating a new National Plan/strategy on tackling the problems, arising due to climate change and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country is confident of tackling the problem of climate change; and

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

Decision on Gadgil and Kasturirangan report

4185. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's decisions on the basis of recommendations of Gadgil and Kasturirangan reports are being delayed;

(b) whether Government is not convinced by the necessity of protecting Western Ghats;

(c) whether it is not conscious of protecting the livelihood of lakhs of dwellers in Western Ghats; and

(d) whether a formula ensuring these two aspects is being worked out?

Increase in tiger deaths

4186. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tiger deaths reported in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for continuous increase in the number of tiger deaths during the last several years; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by Government to stop rampant poaching of tigers in the country for its skin and bones?

Organised mechanism to manage e-waste in the country

4187. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the e-waste (Management) Rules provide for setting up of organized mechanism to manage e-waste in the country;

(b) if so, the number of producers of electronic goods and the mechanism for recycling of e-waste so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for having efficient mechanism for collection and disposal of about two lakh tonnes of e-waste generated annually in the country?

Proper disposal of menstrual waste

4188. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has put in place a policy for proper disposal of menstrual waste;

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

(c) whether improper disposal of menstrual waste is an environmental hazard as sanitary napkins are non-biodegradable, non-recyclable and non-reusable;

(d) what framework is proposed to reduce the environment hazard arising out of improper disposal of sanitary napkins; and

(e) whether the Ministry has conducted any study to determine the amount of menstrual waste generated in the country every month, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulation of air quality and abatement of air pollution

4189. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing policy for regulation of air quality and abatement of air pollution at various locations across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the air quality level has declined in various cities of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the number of patients with respiratory diseases have increased manifold in the country due to poor air quality;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

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

Impact of climate change on lives and livelihoods of tribals

4190. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of climate change on lives and livelihoods of people staying in tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what mitigation measures Government has planned to cope with the projected impacts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Effect of El Nino around Lakshadweep

4191. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that as per reports of National Conservation Foundation, due to El Nino effect,

temperature and acidity of sea water are increasing at Lakshadweep and is giving a bleaching effect for Corals' life and if so, the details of such reports; and

(b) the steps Government proposes to take to deal with such a situation?

NAMP for checking pollution in various cities

4192. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP) for determining the status and trends of ambient air quality to check pollution in various cities and the details thereof;

(b) the agencies authorized by Government to undertake NAMP monitoring;

(c) the action plan proposed by Government in view of worsening air pollution in some of the metropolitan cities; and

(d) whether any advisory/direction was issued by Government under various Acts relating to Prevention of Pollution and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of Green India Mission

4193. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) what is the progress of implementation of Green India Mission and how many States have reached the target;

(b) the total amount of funds released to each State during the last two years, up to 1st March, 2017; and

(c) the number of households given alternative energy sources in the project area, State-wise and the details of schedule during the next five years?

Elephant tusk trade racket

4194. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that elephant tusk trade racket has been busted in Andhra Pradesh, where tusks were being stolen from the Forest Department's office;

(b) if so, what necessary actions have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether volunteers who busted this racket have been revered for their commendable work by the State Government; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to tighten the security of strongrooms of forest departments to prevent such breaches in security?

Categorisation of Western Ghats as ESA

4195. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons behind the delay in categorizing Western Ghats as Ecological Sensitive Area (ESA) as per Gadgil Committee recommendations;

(b) what shall be the benefits of declaring Western Ghats as ESA; and

(c) whether this proposal has received objections from States and if so, the details thereof?

Compliance of anti-pollution laws

4196. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether the industrial units are not complying with the anti-pollution laws and pollution is on the rise and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether several cases of injecting waste water into underground resources after drilling and boring by several industrial units have been reported/noticed;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against such units, State-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes to launch a national helpline for prevention of pollution in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Laws for protection of ancient and natural water bodies/hill streams

4197. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the laws applicable for protection of ancient and natural water bodies/natural hill streams flowing through national game sanctuaries like Papikonda game sanctuary;

(b) whether Government is paying attention to needs of rural and tribal areas with respect to protection of water bodies and ancient water systems than it does in urban areas;

(c) whether such issues have recently been raised in the National Green Tribunal;

(d) the reasons for not giving protection to ancient water systems in tribal areas; and

(e) steps proposed to protect all ancient water bodies in tribal and rural areas?

Preservation of tigers

4198. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of tigers in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that quite a few tigers are lost every year due to poaching, infighting, laxity in preservation etc.; and

(c) the list of the tigers in the country, State-wise?

Impact of climate change on coastal areas

†4199. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether because of climate change, the sea coast in many States in the south is moving towards habitations as a result of

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which the ocean has flooded the houses as well as the huts of the fisherman situated near the coast;

(b) the distance by which Kattepur village of fisherman near Ullas in Karnataka has been pushed back from the sea coast and the number of villages to be submerged by swelling waters; and

(c) the details of the cities that would be affected by swelling waters of the sea and details of the policy to be adopted to prevent the same?

Correspondence in Hindi in the Ministry

†4200. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministry-wise and concerned organization-wise details of the original correspondence made in Hindi, answers given in Hindi to letters received in English from 'A', 'B' regions;

(b) the total number of notes written by heads of the department in Hindi during the year as per the annual programme of official language department, as submitted by the Ministry, and the concerned organization in the meeting of Hindi advisory/implementation committee; and

(c) the effective steps taken to achieve the said targets?

Plastic borne pollution

†4201. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plastic borne pollution in the country has reached its zenith;

(b) if so, whether the Minister would propose a ban on the use of plastic;

(c) if not, whether he would propose to set-up plastic recycling unit at various places to recycle plastic; and

(d) if not, whether there is another plan to end plastic borne pollution and if so, the details thereof?

Death due to animal attacks

†4202. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of sanctuaries in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many people residing in villages near sanctuaries have been killed by tigers, panthers and lions;

(c) if so, the number of people killed in various States during the year 2014-15 to 2016-17; and

(d) whether any requests for limiting the perimeters of sanctuaries have been received from States and if so, the reaction of the Ministry thereon?

Impact of tree cutting on environment and climate change

†4203. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cutting of trees has any impact on the environment and climate change;

(b) if so, the number of trees cut in Delhi during the financial years, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 for developmental activities and construction of buildings year-wise;

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(c) whether the process of planting two trees where one tree is cut down has been complied with;

(d) if so, the places where trees have been planted; and

(e) if not, whether any action would be taken against them and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for relocation of Similipal and Satkosia Tiger Reserves

4204. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the reasons for non-release of funds towards relocation of villages in respect of Similipal and Satkosia Tiger Reserves in Odisha?

Release of funds for conservation and management of mangroves of Odisha

4205. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the reasons for delay in release of funds pertaining to conservation and management of mangroves of Odisha in respect of Mahanadi Delta?

Wildlife mortality due to road projects

4206. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Board for Wild Life has given permission to various Road Projects which are either passing through

or passing by buffer zones thereby increasing the chances of wildlife mortality;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that this not only affects the wild animals but the entire eco system for a long duration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Culling of certain wild animals

4207. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the culling of certain wild animals in specific geographical areas over specific periods of time because of the huge losses incurred by the farmers due to destruction of their crops by such animals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action proposed by Government to deal with this problem?

Filling up of a lake in Bhabadighi, West Bengal

4208. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a public agitation against filling up of a big lake in Bhabadighi, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the purpose for filling up the lake;

(c) whether the filling up of the lake will have an impact on the environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Re-categorisation of industries based on pollution

4209. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has categorised industries based on the level of their pollution load;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government, as per the revised pollution index, has placed the steel and fertilizer industries in any of the categories;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the type of industries emitting more pollution in the air and water, calculated as per the new categorisations?

NOC for starting certain industries

4210. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) from the Ministry is required to be obtained before starting certain categories of Industries and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of NOCs pending/under consideration in respect of industries in Kerala?

Conversion of unfertile, barren and waste lands into green forests

†4211. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to convert unfertile, barren and waste land at its disposal into green forest;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Committee to deal with adverse effects of climate change

4212. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted or proposes to constitute a committee in order to conduct research and take measures to deal with the adverse effects of climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms of references of the committee along with the tenure and constitution thereof; and

(d) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government and if not, the time by which it is likely to submit the report?

Development of Dahanu Taluka, Maharashtra

4213. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been submitted by Maharashtra Government for development of environmentally fragile Dahanu Taluka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether Government has accorded any priority in its approval, considering fragile nature of the environment of the area; and

(d) if so, how much more time Government is likely to take to convey the clearance to the State Government?

(b) whether Government has made any action plan to prevent the damage happening due to noise pollution, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to ban horn of various vehicles and if so, the details thereof?

Project awaiting environmental clearances

4214. SHRI K.K. RAGESH:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

(a) the details of action taken by Government for environmental clearances including hydroelectric, thermal power and coal mining projects;

(b) the number of such cases from various States, State-wise;

(c) the present status of the cases and by when they are likely to be cleared and the steps taken for speedy approval; and

(d) whether the Central Government intends to delegate its power to State Authorities for faster clearance?

Noise pollution due to vehicle horns

†4215. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the standard average total of noise pollution happening due to horns of vehicles in various metro cities of the country;

Ban on use of diesel generator sets in residential buildings

4216. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has sought an immediate ban on the use of diesel generator sets in new multistoreyed residential buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CSE has also demanded installation of solar rooftops be made mandatory for all upcoming residential societies;

(d) whether the toxic fumes emitted by burning diesel generator sets have serious health implications; and

(e) whether an international Agency for Research on Cancer, a part of the World Health Organisation, classified diesel engine exhaust as carcinogenic to humans?

Ratification of Paris Agreement on climate change

4217. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not ratifying the Paris

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Agreement on climate change for all these years;

(b) the reasons cited before the world body and the nations justifying its disagreement to the Agreement;

(c) whether India is willing to ratify the said Paris Agreement without any amendment in the Agreement;

(d) what prompted Government to go in for retifying the discarded agreement; and

(e) whether Government has committed to the world nations recently to ratify the said Paris Agreement on Climate Change?

Forest fires in the country

4218. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of forest fires that have occurred in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to revive the tracts of land lost due to forest fires; and

(c) the measures being taken, or proposed by Government to contain forest fires?

Containing the rise of temperature

4219. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being proposed by Government, as a signatory to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, to contain a rise in temperature to combat global warming; and

(b) the details of the measures that have been adopted, along with stage of implementation?

Air quality of cities

4220. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the air quality ranking for cities of States and Union Territories;

(b) the names of the cities that have not met National Air Quality Standards, and

(c) the measures being taken to create an online air reporting system with homely air pollution data from the cities?

Mining activities in border areas of Rajasthan

4221. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining activities are being carried out in the border areas of Rajasthan, especially Bikaner, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether BSF has raised any concerns/objections to mining in border areas of Rajasthan, in view of porous border and possibilities of cross-border infiltration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the view taken by Government on such concerns/objections while granting mining licences in such areas?

Mines sanctioned/operational in Chhattisgarh

†4222. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of mines sanctioned in Chhattisgarh so far and the number of those mines operational and in the private sector;

(b) whether all these mines follow the environmental conservation norms and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some of them have been closed or are on the verge of closure due to violation of such norms and if so, the details thereof?

Engagement of children in mines

4223. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that kids as young as five years are being engaged to work in illegal Mica mines in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, etc.;

(b) whether it has also come to the notice of the Ministry that as per Thomson Reuters Foundation Investigation Report, seven children were killed in two months of this year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry and how it is supplementing the efforts of the State Government concerned to stop illegal mining of Mica and to protect small children?

Generation of bio-gas and other renewable energy in remote and rural areas

4224. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy to encourage people from the remote and the rural areas to generate bio-gas and other

renewable energy for cooking, heating and other purposes;

(b) if so, whether Government is extending any financial or infrastructural assistance to such people; and

(c) if so, the details of the schemes and assistance that Government is providing to the people of rural and remote areas for production of bio-gas?

Capacity target under Solar Parks Scheme

4225. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has raised the capacity target under its Solar Parks Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes set up more Solar Parks in Maharashtra to achieve these targets; and

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

Targets for electricity through Solar Energy

4226. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the scope of ground mounted solar panels and the achievements of the targets since 2012;

(b) the details of achievement on Grid Connections and small power plants projects set up against the target plans, as per the plan of 2013-17, in the second phase of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission; and

(c) the plan details to achieve 40 per cent cumulative electric power capacity from non-fossil fuel based energy resources with a target of 175 GW by 2022 with the help of International Finance including from Green Climate Fund?

Setting up of bio-gas plants

4227. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the State Governments to set up one lakh bio-gas plants in the States by 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the State Governments in this direction; and

(d) whether any special allocations have been made for this purpose, if so, the details thereof State-wise and the quantum of allocations?

Conference of Solar Invest, 2017

4228. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conference on Solar Invest, 2017 has taken place recently in Hyderabad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the issues coming for discussion and the views exchanged among the participants on the Solar Power

Development and the problems being faced by the industry; and

(c) the details of measures being taken by Government to improve the conditions of solar power projects in the country?

Solar power generation capacity of States

4229. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing solar power generation capacity of each of the States in the country and the details of the estimates regarding their power generation capacity by the year 2022, State- wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Central Government to increase the solar power generation capacity of all the States in the country?

Programmes and action plan for use of safe fuel

†4230. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state whether any national programme/ action plan has been prepared to encourage use of safe fuel to attain a target of smoke free environment and to discourage use of *chulhas* in villages, in order to prevent damage to the lungs and other ailments due to smoke, emanating out of the *chulhas*?

Data on solar home systems

4231. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has kept the record of all private companies which sell solar home systems to unelectrified rural households in the country and the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is cognizant of the fact that such companies have the potential to reach 73 million households and provide them with solar housing systems; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to encourage and incentivise such companies?

Increase in solar power capacity

4232. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to reduce the dependence on coal-fired power plants while aiming at a nine-fold increase in solar capacity from 2017-22; and

(b) whether Government has considered a measure to install solar panels over irrigation canals and other water bodies to reduce issues relating to land acquisition for establishment of solar panels and if so, the details thereof?

Indigenous manufacturing of solar power equipments

4233. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of special plans Government has formulated to promote competitive manufacturing of equipment required for solar power generation

indigenously to reduce dependence on imports; and

(b) the names of the major global manufacturers which have shown interest in setting up of solar equipment manufacturing in the country?

National Plan for technical assistance under RGSA

4234. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set any goals with suitable timelines to achieve the objectives under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of activities, including technical assistance provided to Panchayats in West Bengal during the last year; and

(c) the details of funds sanctioned and released for such activities, State-wise during the last three years?

Criteria for estimating poverty

4235. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria adopted in estimating poverty in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the NITI Aayog would take up this exercise once in every five years;

(c) if so, the poverty estimates of the country, State-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that identification of poor is done by the Ministry of Rural Development; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Programmes/schemes based on "New India 2022"

‡4236. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is evolving and implementing programmes/schemes based on the concept of "New India 2022";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain objectives have also been fixed for "New India 2022"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of discontinued schemes

‡4237. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes which have started during the last five-year plan, but have been discontinued in the current five-year plan;

(b) the details thereof along with the reasons;

(c) the amount spent on these schemes during the last five-year plan; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government keeping in view the interest of employees employed under the discontinued schemes?

Convention of NDC

4238. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to convene National Development Council (NDC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of initiatives taken by earlier NDC;

(d) the details of any survey/study conducted on implementation of initiatives/ decision of earlier NDCs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Merger of Ministries/Departments

4239. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to merge some of the Ministries/Departments;

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

(c) whether Government also proposes to converge schemes and right sizing of institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this process of merging and right sizing is likely to be completed?

Electrification of villages under DDUGJY

‡4240. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is determined to provide electricity to all villages in the country under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of unelectrified villages in the country;

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(d) the number of such unelectrified villages in Bihar; and

(e) by when Government would provide electricity to the remaining villages, along with the details thereof?

Upgradation of coal-fired power plants

4241. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed more time for upgradation of coal-fired power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the old polluting plants have to be replaced with super critical, super efficient plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Power available to all

4242. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a realistic plan to make power available to all citizens;

(b) how many localities/houses/production centres/commercial concerns are yet to be electrified;

(c) how many people who are yet to get power connections are *adivasis* and other people residing in forests, islands and inaccessible places and in slums; and

(d) how much more power is needed and length of electricity lines in kilometers to be laid for this?

New rules for electricity supply from IPPs

4243. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed new rules to get electricity supply from Independent Power Producers (IPPs);

(b) whether the States have been consulted before framing these rules; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

Action on POC report on Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project

4244. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the action being taken on the two reports submitted to Government by Project Oversight Committee (POC) members of Assam and Central Government in Jan/Feb, 2016 for Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project;

(b) the details of projects to maintain and control the downstream of Subansiri river in Assam; and

(c) the amount of budget allocated and released during 2016-17 to maintain and control Subansiri river in Assam?

Electrification of villages

4245. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding electrification of villages done during the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise and date-wise;

(b) the quantum of power required in the country along with the present quantum of power available with Government; and

(c) the details of power loss in transmission and distribution, in respect to volume and revenue and the steps taken by Government to curb this problem?

**REC loan to electricity distribution
Companies in Andhra Pradesh**

4246. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has sanctioned a loan of ₹ 60,000 crore to electricity companies in Andhra Pradesh under rural electrification project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Recovery of dues by NTPC

4247. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC is considering pulling the plug on BSES Yamuna Power Limited to recover ₹ 239 crore overdue since last ten months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that NTPC supplies about ₹ 300 crore worth of electricity every month to the two discoms in Delhi; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that as per the terms of the power purchase agreement with NTPC, these discoms have to clear their payment within a calendar month?

**Survey of old thermal power
plants**

4248. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken a survey to identify those thermal power plants across the country which are over their life-span of 25 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, public and private, sector-wise;

(c) whether Government has proposed to shut any thermal power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of UMPPs

4249. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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

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

**Implementation of DDUGJY and
UDAY**

4250. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
SHRI DERÉK O'BRIEN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages that have been electrified under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY);

(b) the number of households that have been electrified, thereunder;

(c) the number of States that have adopted the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to help discoms to become profitable;

(d) the status of implementation of UDAY in the various States;

(e) how many States and discom have failed to undertake obligations under this scheme; and

(f) the details of the action taken against them?

Safeguarding ecological interests by power plants

4251. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, the existing power plants in the country are not adhering to the norms meant to safeguard ecological interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also fact that the report covered 216 projects which were granted clearances between January, 2011 and July, 2015; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Launching of UJALA scheme in Jharkhand

4252. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched the Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs For All (UJALA) scheme in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the targets fixed by Government for the ensuing financial year?

Power projects in Karnataka

4253. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details and capacity of power projects under the Central Government in Karnataka; and

(b) the details of ongoing projects and those which are yet to start alongwith their potential and cost of production and by when they will be completed?

Linking of PUC certificate with vehicle insurance

4254. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been received on the functioning of Pollution Under Control (PUC) centres for motors vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would link PUC certificate with insurance of motor vehicles; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of Supreme Court's order on removal of liquor shops

4255. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently directed the Central and State Governments to remove liquor shops and thekas from National Highways of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken, so far, on the direction of the Supreme Court?

National Highways in Nagaland

4256. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the number of National Highways in Nagaland;

(b) the details of the funds allocated for maintaining these National Highways since 2011;

(c) the details of funds' utilization report from the Central and State Governments since 2011 regarding construction/maintenance of these National Highways;

(d) whether the roads upgraded to National Highways are functioning smoothly; and

(e) the funds made available for maintaining the National Highways in the State during 2017-18?

Highway construction targets

4257. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister had announced that by May, 2017 the target for construction of highways will be about 40 km. per day;

(b) the details of the rate of construction of highways during the last two years, quarter-wise;

(c) whether there has been a gap between the target set by the Ministry to construct 25,000 km. and the contracts awarded by the NHAI during the last year; and

(d) the details of all contracts awarded by the NHAI during the last two years for the construction of highways?

Corruption charges against NHAI officials

4258. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has filed any cases against officials of the National

Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for their alleged indulgence in serious corruption related offences after May, 2014 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many officials sued by Government previously have been convicted and punished between 2004-14, the details thereof?

Targets for construction of National Highways

†4259. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed by Government for construction of National Highways;

(b) the details of pace at which these targets are being achieved every year;

(c) the details of States and projects where works has not been executed within the estimated time schedule; and

(d) the names of upcoming projects of National Highways for which Government has received proposals?

Improvement of NH 27 and NH 7 in Madhya Pradesh

4260. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has any time bound program to improve Allahabad-Rewa NH 27 and Satna-Rewa-Varanasi NH 7 in view of their dilapidated condition; and

(b) if so, within what time-frame along with the details of current status of work including appointment of contractor?

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Auction of Expressways

4261. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to auction capital intensive expressways to franchises after they are built; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Action on defacing signboards on highways

4262. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that pasting posters and putting advertisements over signboards on highways is causing great inconvenience to drivers in the country;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against those who are damaging/ misusing these signboards all over the country;

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring any policy to safeguard signboards on highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of Bharat Stage-VI emission norms for vehicles

4263. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) when will Government introduce Bharat Standard-VI (BS-VI) for motor

vehicles to honour promises made at the Paris Climate Change Conference in 2015;

(b) what measures have been taken for meeting the deadline;

(c) how will Government ensure that vehicles upgrade to BS-VI fuel by the target date;

(d) whether oil companies are ready to upgrade fuel quality to that level; and

(e) what will happen to inter-State BS-III engine vehicles which are to enter BS-VI zone, whether, they would be exempted, the details thereof?

Pending road projects in Tamil Nadu

4264. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects, along with their length in kilometer, pending in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any escalation in the cost of projects from the time of their inception till date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Permission for e-taxis

4265. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to allow electric cars as taxis without any commercial permit as needed in the case of diesel or CNG taxis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has held discussion with the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) whether Government is considering to support e-taxis in a big way and will also provide all infrastructure they require?

Status of vehicle insurance

4266. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

Delay in work on Hoskote-Dobbaspur, NH 207

4267. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on Hoskote-Dobbaspur, NH-207, which commenced in 2014 with an estimated cost of ₹ 720 crore was scheduled to be completed by May, 2016;

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

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

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

Automated centres for checking fitness of vehicles

‡4268. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up automatic centres for checking fitness of vehicles and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has selected the locations for setting up such centres, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of provisions in this regard and the details of services which will be offered by these centres; and

(d) whether there is any limit on the number of such fitness centres and time schedule fixed for their setting up, if so, the details thereof?

Accidents on Durgapur Expressway

4269. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a large number of road accidents, recently leading to human casualties on Durgapur Expressway in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures are being adopted to stop road accidents?

Integrated transport and logistics policy

4270. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will launch an

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integrated transport and logistics policy aimed at increasing the average freight speed on highways to 50 km. per hour and cutting costs by half;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plan includes construction of 50 economic corridors, 35 logistics parks and 10 intermodal stations at a cost of ₹ 5 lakh crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of logistics parks

4271. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified 35 clusters accounting for 50 per cent of total freight movement in the country for development of logistics parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will form Special Purpose Vehicles with State Governments;

(d) whether the State Governments will provide land on the outer periphery of urban centres and the Centre will provide trunk infrastructure such as feeder highways and rail connectivity;

(e) whether private players will be invited to develop and maintain the logistics parks; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of logistics parks on transport costs

4272. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether developing or availability of logistic parks will straightway cut transport costs by 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to decongest our urban transportation by bringing new technologies such as Metrino and Hyperloop; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Land acquisition issues on Barwadda-Amankhori Section of NH 2

4273. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, the stretch of National Highway 2 between Barwadda and Amankhori, is facing a lot of agitation due to unresolved issues relating to acquisition of land;

(b) what are the key concerns of the rayats that has been the cause of the agitation;

(c) whether it is a fact that compensation being offered is disproportionately lower than in other stretches in Jharkhand; and

(d) what is the time-frame within which the issues are likely to be resolved?

Status of proposals from Kerala

4274. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received from the Kerala Government for upgradation/declaration of State roads/Highways into National Highways during the last three years; and

(b) the number of proposals accepted,

so far, along with the details of the amount sanctioned for these projects and the time-frame fixed for completion of these projects?

Potholes on roads

4275. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the data of potholes on roads in the country, district-wise;
- (b) the number of road accidents during the previous three years due to potholes;
- (c) whether steps have been taken by the Ministry to build safer roads and highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Removal of liquor shops from highways

4276. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's efforts to remove liquor shops which are directly located on National Highways has been properly implemented, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) where have these shops been relocated; and
- (c) whether any compensation has been given to these shops for the likely loss of business and if so, the details thereof?

Pedestrian deaths

4277. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of pedestrian deaths occur in southern States and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details for the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to deal with the problem?

Widening of roads/NHs

4278. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to widen roads/NHs throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the total length of the roads laid daily and those proposed to be widened, State-wise;
- (d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (e) whether all NHs being widened are of 45m width;
- (f) if not, what is the length of NHs with 60m and 30m width; and
- (g) by when main highways will be widened to 45m and 60m width?

Improvement and expansion of road network

†4279. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing a scheme for improvement

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and expansion of road networks in States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the works started to improve the road network in Chhattisgarh during last two years; and

(c) the number of districts connected with National Highways during the last two years?

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Rajasthan

‡4280. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action plan prepared by the Central Government for conversion of State Highways passing through Rajasthan into National Highways; and

(b) whether the Central Government is working towards converting Kishangarh-Hanumangarh Mega Highway into four lane c.c. road and if so, by when the said project will be commissioned?

Time taken by vehicles at toll plazas

‡4281. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has stipulated any time limit for the passing of vehicles from the toll plazas on National Highways after collecting the toll tax from them and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is working to ease the long traffic jams and facilitate early exit to vehicles from toll plazas and if so, the details of the action plan in this regard?

Speed governors in vehicles

4282. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has asked the State Governments to refrain from putting restrictive conditions while inviting bids for installing speed governors on Government vehicles and state transport buses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has said that private vehicles owners could fit any speed governor that had received test certification from any Government agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MGNREGA funds to genuine beneficiaries

4283. SHRI DEREK O'BREIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure that funds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) reach the genuine beneficiaries;

(b) the data of job cards verified by the Ministry, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry has found duplicate or fake job cards, or the beneficiaries had died, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Status of proposals received from Chhattisgarh

‡4284. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) whether delay in execution of proposals hampers the development works; and

(e) the details of the manner in which cost overruns are being adjusted?

Rural development schemes in tribal areas of Uttar Pradesh

†4285. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various rural development schemes being implemented by the Central Government in various tribal areas of Uttar Pradesh and the details of allocated funds therefor, scheme-wise;

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to confer right of ownership to tribal people living in forest land in rural areas of the State and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has decided to construct roads and other infrastructural facilities in the said areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Migration of youth to cities for jobs

4286. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has estimated the number of rural youth with undergraduate degrees who have migrated to cities for non-farm jobs;

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

(c) whether Government has taken steps to ensure appropriate employment opportunities for such youth at their places of residence;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in BPL population post-demonetisation

4287. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the population in the country living below the poverty line before November, 2016;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the population, which has gone below the poverty line post-demonetisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the people who have lost their jobs after demonetisation, State/UT-wise?

Status of works under PMGSY

†4288. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of roads in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

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(PMGSY) is not going on as per the schedule and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken by Government to remove impediments and the details of the outcome of the action taken in this regard;

(c) the number of roads identified under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of the projects identified under PMGSY in the above States, district-wise?

Self Help Groups under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana

4289. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, under the Aajeevika — National Rural Livelihoods Mission, later renamed as Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, it was targeted to bring at least one woman member from each identified rural poor household under the Self Help Group network in a time bound manner;

(b) the data of households brought under Self Help Group network since June, 2011 till date, year-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated and amount spent on the scheme since June, 2011?

Pension for differently-abled persons

†4290. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to reduce the age limit for entitlement to pension s for the differently-abled;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take steps in this regard; and

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

Construction of roads in Jharkhand and Gujarat under PMGSY

4291. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from Jharkhand and Gujarat to construct roads connecting the agricultural fields to main roads in these States under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the estimated funds required for the construction of those roads?

PMGSY works in Tamil Nadu

4292. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works sanctioned, *i.e.*, number of roads that are under construction and the number of roads constructed along with their length, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year, district-wise; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated to and utilised by the State during the above period?

Identification of circuits for cruise tourism

4293. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether home ports for global liners are being considered to boost cruise tourism;

(b) whether the Ministry is identifying some international, domestic and river cruise circuits for development;

(c) if so, the names of the cruise circuits;

(d) the number of cruise ships reaching five major Indian Ports every year;

(e) whether the home ports will push local economic activities in view of the fact that the deboarded passengers would visit and spend in Indian cities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Status of implementation of Sagarmala projects

4294. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of various projects under Sagarmala, project-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Sagarmala Development Company has been asked to identify projects, study scope of increased private sector participation, etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 12 lakh crores worth projects are going to be awarded under Sagarmala in the coming years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Sagarmala Project

4295. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has decided to take up about 90 projects under Sagarmala project in the State of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the number of ports identified for development under this project;

(c) whether Government has received any proposals of the ports to be developed under this project so far, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the quantum of funds earmarked and proposed to be released in the current financial year?

Coastal Economic Zone under Sagarmala project

4296. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Coastal Economic Zone (CEZ) has been identified at New Mangalore as linkage port under the National Perspective Plan of Sagarmala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of potential industries that are likely to be developed in CEZ of New Mangalore port; and

(d) to what extent the CEZ helps in the development of port proximate industrial clusters and what would be the estimated employment generation in the coming five years?

Transport worthiness of National Waterways

4297. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the details about the current status and transport worthiness, of the

national waterways developed, are available and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether any mechanism exists, for regular monitoring and ascertainment of the transport worthiness of such waterways;

(c) the number of such waterways which have become operational and are in regular use for transportation as of now; and

(d) the reasons, if any, for not making such waterways operational?

Status of implementation of PMKSY

4298. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Ministries which are part of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and their output till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that PMKSY is estimated to spend ₹ 50,000 crore in next five years and also a fact that during financial year 2015-16 ₹ 5300 crore was allocated for this scheme, if so, the details regarding the fund utilization in financial year 2015-16; and

(c) whether Government has data as regards digging, restoration and renovation of the water bodies, if so, State/UT/district/region-wise plans, dimensions, storage capacity, estimated cost and timeline for completion of the project?

NGT observation on cleaning Ganga river

4299. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal

(NGT) had questioned the effectiveness of Government's efforts in cleaning the river Ganga and reportedly stated that not a single drop of the Ganga has been cleaned so far;

(b) whether Government agrees with the NGT which reportedly stated that the agencies were wasting money, the details thereof;

(c) the amount which has been allocated and spent on the Namami Gange Programme, the details, year-wise; and

(d) details of the impact of the project on cleaning the Ganga?

Per capita availability of water

4300. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has indicated that by 2030 India's per capita water availability may shrink to half and push the country into water scarce category from the existing water stress category;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any new initiatives/measures to overcome the existing water shortage problems in many States and to be ready for future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of implementation of PMKSY

4301. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) the number of irrigation project which have been identified and completed under scheme;

(c) the details regarding irrigation projects identified/undertaken in the State of Rajasthan under the scheme;

(d) the details of the advanced technologies and methods adopted/likely to be adopted under scheme along with the funds provided therein, especially for Rajasthan; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by Government for effective implementation of the PMKSY and to achieve its targets within the stipulated time envisaged therein?

Status of canal irrigation projects

†4302. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects in the country that have been accorded approval during the last three years and the details thereof showing their present status;

(b) the number of canals of the country with water flowing in them and those which have dried up causing trouble to the farmers in irrigating their lands; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the canal irrigation facilities?

Water revolution drive

†4303. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is

implementing a water revolution drive that is based on four components;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is implementing a rural water scheme under the water revolution drive under which a fullfledged water protection scheme is to be formulated for two villages affected with water crisis which will be selected from each district across the country?

Galeru Nagari Sujala Sravanthi Major Irrigation Project

4304. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Krishna Devaraya Galeru Nagari Sujala Sravanthi Major Irrigation Project which benefits Kadapa, Nellore and Chittoor districts in Andhra Pradesh was started in 2005, but has not yet been completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the gestation period has also been crossed long back;

(c) the details and reasons for cost and time overruns;

(d) whether the likely date of completion was 2013; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not completing within the timeframe and by when it is going to be completed?

Water transfer from Godavari to Krishna river

4305. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Central Water Commission has installed river gauges on Pattiseema Project in Andhra Pradesh to assess the actual water transfer from river Godavari to river Krishna;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of water transferred to Krishna river through Pattiseema day-wise and water released from Prakasam Barrage on the same days?

Revival of dried up rivers

‡4306. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of major rivers whose water tables have dried up completely or are much below the alarming levels; and

(b) the details of major States and the cities of the country, whose water table have receded to an alarming level?

Status of completion of National Projects

4307. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several water projects which have been declared as National Projects are under construction for several years due to non-release of funds and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of completed, ongoing projects declared as national projects and

their present status along with likely date of completion and reasons for delay?

Unemployment caused due to Polavaram Project

4308. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dalits thrown out of traditional work and employment due to the closure of ancient water body called Kadiamma river by Polavaram Project Authority;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has assured five year wages for all dalits and tribals who were made redundant by dumping and closure of Kadiamma river and dam; and

(c) the date by which a survey will be completed to award jobs for families of unemployed dalits and tribals?

Sharing of Tungabhadra river water between A.P. and Karnataka

4309. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tungabhadra Board meeting was held recently to discuss the issue of sharing of Tungabhadra river water between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the contentious issues discussed in the meeting; and

(c) the renovations and other measures

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proposed along the Tungabhadra canal and the details thereof?

Construction of six barrages on Mahanadi river

4310. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state whether the State of Chhattisgarh have taken permission from the Central Government for construction of six barrages on the Mahanadi river?

Ranking of States on water management

4311. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to rank the States based on their water management; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ADB forecast on water scarcity

4312. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Asian Development Bank has forecast that by 2030, India will have a water deficit of 50 per cent;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking adequate steps to ensure access to safe and usable water in rural and urban areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is meeting the

country's current water requirements, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of potable water supply to Jalgrams

†4313. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Jal Kranti Abhiyaan' scheme and updated details of the number of villages selected/ to be selected under this scheme, State-wise;

(b) the factors that determine the 'index value' of Jalgram;

(c) the quantum of financial assistance that shall be provided for supply of pure potable water to 'Jalgram' facing scarcity of drinking water; and

(d) by when the problems of all the identified 'Jalgrams' will be addressed?

Release of Central assistance for Maharashtra under PMKSY

4314. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of ₹ 186.95 crore has been released against the proposal for release of ₹ 648 crore as submitted by Maharashtra Government in 2016 under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); and

(b) the reason(s) for withholding the Central assistance and the time likely to be taken to release the balance amount to the State Government?

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National waste water reuse policy

4315. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:
Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered
formulation of a national waste water reuse
policy to address the increasing stress on
urban water resources, if so, the details
thereof;

(b) if not, the steps taken by
Government to balance the rapid urban
growth and consequent urban water stress;

(c) whether Government has undertaken
measures to prevent industrial exploitation
of groundwater resources, if so, the details
thereof and if not, the alternative steps to
address such issues; and

(d) whether Government has considered
collaborating with Ministry of
Environment, Forest and Climate Change

to define quality norms for different grades
of industrial water, to standardise the design
of reuse system?

**Rehabilitation of dalits displaced by
Polavaram Dam**

4316. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister
of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER
DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA
REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether dalits of Pydipaka have
requested Government for land to vacate
their houses for Polavaram Dam;

(b) whether farm land has been
identified for dalits at the rate of 'one acre
for a family' to leave Pydipaka;

(c) whether Government has issued
orders that officials of Polavaram Project
Authority should not commit atrocities on
dalits at Pydipaka; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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