

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, August 10, 2015/Sravana 19, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Human Resource Development; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 160

Coal linkage policy

2241. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those companies with Power Purchase Agreements but without a letter of assurance, would bid at 20 per cent above the Coal India Limited price;

(b) whether it is also a fact that each category of companies falling within e-auction windows would be getting an initial quantity of five million tonnes of coal as soon as Government finalises its new auction based coal linkage policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this would be a fair price and would be lower than import prices of coal?

CSR policy in coal companies

2242. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has impressed

upon coal and lignite companies under their administrative control to bring out a new Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that coal and lignite companies spent 5 per cent of their distributable surplus on CSR activities?

Requirement of coal for power plants in Telangana

2243. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Telangana requires coal for existing power plants and also for the proposed 4,000 MW NTPC thermal power plant and 6,000 MW power plant set up by GENCO in the State; and

(b) if so, what steps the Ministry has taken to provide coal to above plants?

Distribution of coal auction proceeds

2244. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether States are likely to get ₹ 3 lakh crore through coal auction process; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the amount of coal auction distributed so far, State/UT-wise?

Modernisation of coal mines

2245. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any action plan for modernisation of coal mines of the Western Coalfields Ltd. located in Maharashtra;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Agreement with GIDC for Gare Palma Sector-III coal block

2246. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the status of coal block allocated to the State of Goa;

(b) whether there was any agreement entered into by the Goa Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) with respect to Gare Palma Sector-III coal block;

(c) what was the nature of the agreement; and

(d) the details of legal consequences of the Supreme Court's decision in the matter of Goa coal block?

Welfare scheme for Sc/ST employees

†2247. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any welfare scheme for SC/ST employees working under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has considered to regularize casual workers working in the Ministry; and

(d) the number of employees regularized during the last two years?

Establishing a Coal Gassification project and Ammonium Nitrate Complex at Talcher

2248. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited has signed an MoU with three other Central PSUs to establish Coal Gassification project and Ammonium Nitrate Complex at the site of Talcher fertiliser plant lying defunct in Odisha and if so, the details of the MoU;

(b) if so, the date of registration of the new company with the Registrar of Companies and further progress made by the new company to set up this complex; and

(c) the names of the coal blocks allocated to the project and if no allotment has been made the reasons therefor?

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**Drinking water and sanitation
projects of States**

2249. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of projects submitted by various State Governments including West Bengal and Maharashtra regarding drinking water and sanitation during the last few months;

(b) the details of projects approved, not approved and still under consideration along with the reasons for their rejection and delay; and

(c) the details of funds released for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

Availability of safe drinking water

†2250. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI:
SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

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

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government for ensuring availability of safe drinking water in the whole country;

(b) the details of provisions made therefor;

(c) the details of current position of the States in providing safe drinking water to the people there; and

(d) by when all the people of the country would be getting safe drinking water?

Funds for construction of toilets

2251. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of families do not have toilets and proper sanitation facilities in the country;

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

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government for construction of toilets and providing proper sanitation facilities;

(d) whether the funds allocated for construction of toilets and providing proper sanitation facilities is sufficient to meet the challenges on specified time in the country; and

(e) the percentage of targets achieved so far and by when Government is likely to meet the target of 100 per cent toilets and proper sanitation facilities in the country?

Availability of safe drinking water

2252. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the availability of hazardous chemical contents in underground water which is being used for drinking purposes throughout the country despite being unfit, thereby adversely affecting human health;

(b) whether Government has conducted any scientific study in this matter;

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

(d) the remedial steps taken/being

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contemplated by Government, in coordination with various State Governments, in this regard; and

(e) the fresh steps being taken by Government to ensure availability of safe drinking water to the citizens?

Swachh Bharat Mission

2253. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swachh Bharat Mission should run in campaign mode and must be sustainable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a realization that the desired results could not be achieved by Government alone;

(c) whether Government is considering to rope in corporates, NGOs and other stakeholders for the success of the ambitious scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Swachh Bharat Mission in naxal affected areas

†2254. 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 seriously considering to intensify the Swachh Bharat Mission even in naxal affected areas of the country;

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

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

Allocation of funds under SBM

2255. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated/released to various States and Union Territories under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) so far, after the Mission was launched;

(b) the number of toilets constructed under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in rural areas during the last three years and the current year, State and UT-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to invite Public Private Partnership (PPP) in sanitation sector in rural areas; and

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

Allocation of funds under NRDWP

†2256. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned for the States under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme during the year 2015-16, State-wise;

(b) whether the sanctioned amount has been provided to the States, so far;

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

(d) by when the total amount is likely to be provided to the States?

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Sources of drinking water in rural areas

†2257. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the main sources of drinking water in rural areas;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage of drinking water in rural areas is due to decreasing level of ground water there;

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of clean drinking water in Gujarat

2258. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about shortage of clean drinking water in the State of Gujarat inspite of big rivers like, Sabarmati, Narmada, Tapi, etc.; and

(b) what actions are taken by the Ministry to help the people of the State and provide clean drinking water, which is primary requirement for human being?

Institutes of teacher education

2259. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutes of teacher education in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether all these institutes have taken up the Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching; and

(c) how far these efforts would help in solving the problem of trained teachers in the country?

Progress of Swachh Bharat Swachh-Vidyalaya campaign

2260. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the progress of Swachh Bharat Swachh-Vidyalaya campaign;

(b) if so, the details of current status of construction of toilets in all the schools across various States;

(c) whether toilets are being constructed by States, PSUs as well as some private sector entities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the specific initiatives being taken by Government to remove bottlenecks and achieve targets within the stipulated timeframe in the implementation of the vision of the campaign?

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

2261. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to establish more Kendriya Vidyalayas in different States particularly in Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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PISA report on Tamil Nadu

2262. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to a report of PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment), the State of Tamil Nadu ranked 72 out of 74 participants;

(b) the reasons for such a poor state of school education in the State; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to address the issue?

Consultations for NEP

2263. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to hold consultations involving a wide spectrum of stakeholders including State Governments, eminent educationists, cultural groups and religious minorities, etc. before formulating the new National Education Policy (NEP);

(b) if so, the details of the mechanism for consultation; and

(c) whether Government would take appropriate steps to allay the fears of the religious minorities of the country, especially the Christian community who run more than fifty thousand educational institutions throughout the country and have a commendable record in the educational field, regarding the new NEP?

Graft and poor quality in MDMS

2264. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the reports that graft and poor quality are plaguing the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);

(b) the present status of the scheme in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(c) whether it is a fact that several tests of food samples carried out have failed to meet the standards; and

(d) the details of steps taken to remedy the situation?

Rise in fake educational certificates

2265. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the rise in cases of fake educational qualifications among people, especially teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to address this particular issue; and

(d) whether the existing law in place is sufficient to deter the practice of issuing and receiving fake degrees?

Fee structure in private professional institutions

2266. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to bring in a strong legislation to control the fee structure in private professional institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Seats for research/Ph.D

2267. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/is taking initiatives to reserve some part of the seats in private and Government colleges for scholarship for research/Ph.D in each stream, if that particular stream is available in that college/university; and

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

NCERT books for school education

†2268. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT books are the best for school education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the private schools recommend books by private publishers instead of the NCERT books;

(c) whether there is no uniform curriculum and books throughout the country and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider enforcing uniform curriculum and books throughout the country and if so, by when?

Grants to Madhya Pradesh under RTE

2269. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grants sanctioned and released to Madhya Pradesh during the last three

years to meet the target of education to all under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act;

(b) the reasons for delay in reimbursement of the remaining amount; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help the State in achieving the 30:1 ratio of students and teacher as per RTE Act?

Learning level of primary schools

2270. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, despite high enrolments in primary schools of our country, the level of learning is not up to the mark;

(b) if so, whether Government has any report on that and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

Experts on Gandhian studies in China

2271. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Centre in China is unable to find experts on Gandhian studies and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is scouting for such experts within and outside China; and

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

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Mid Day Meal Scheme in Puri

2272. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many schools in the city of Puri, Odisha are covered under the Mid Day Meal Scheme;

(b) whether enrolment of children in the schools has increased due to implementation of the scheme; and

(c) what measures Government has adopted to ensure that the quality of food supplied under the scheme is maintained as per the standards specified?

Blacklisting of deemed universities

2273. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deemed universities which were blacklisted after the Tandon Committee, set up in 2009 had recommended blacklisting them asserting they were completely unfit for the recognition that endows an institution not only with authority to grant degrees but also an approval of quality, which in turn can draw students by large numbers;

(b) whether after the Tandon Committee Report, the University Grants Commission came out with its own report on these deemed universities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on these reports?

Development of region specific talents

2274. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to map country's

human resources to develop region specific talents to make India a hub for export of services to the world; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is in the process of mapping the world to find out the actual human resource needs of the world and develop such skills in India and if so, the details thereof?

Remuneration for teachers under SSA

2275. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government pays remuneration to teachers under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the remuneration is low *vis-à-vis* other teachers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether qualifications/norms fixed for selection of teachers under SSA is different from those of other teachers and if so, the details thereof?

MDGs under the Ministry

2276. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set under the Ministry;

(b) how far these goals have been achieved;

(c) whether there has been shortfall in achieving these goals and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Enrolment of children in schools

2277. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of children admitted to schools after implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, *vis-à-vis* prior to implementation of the Act;

(b) whether it is a fact that the enrolment ratio at secondary and higher secondary level is decreasing constantly; and

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

National Monitoring Committee for Minorities' Education

2278. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of National Monitoring Committee for Minorities' Education;

(b) the details of meetings held by this Committee, so far and the decisions taken in each meeting; and

(c) the actual monitoring done by this Committee, so far and the contribution made by this Committee so far, in the development of minorities' education?

Sexual assault on students

2279. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to prevent the occurrence of sexual

assaults on students by college/university's teaching and non-teaching staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry intends to introduce workshop to train both male and female students to feel safe to report such instances and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of scholarship and literature in Urdu

2280. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to protect, preserve and promote scholarship and literature in Urdu;

(b) the total population of the country who speak Urdu, State-wise; and

(c) the total number of cultural/language institutions receiving aid from Government for promotion of the language and the total amount of funds disbursed for this purpose, State-wise?

Common syllabus and curriculum

2281. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any proposal to introduce common syllabus and curriculum for school education under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other steps being taken by Government for effective implementation of the RTE Act?

Revision of curriculum

2282. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed a revision of curriculum;

(b) if so, the reasons necessitating for justifying the revision;

(c) whether consultations with the stakeholders has been held in this regard; and

(d) the details of response of the academic bodies and State Education Departments and other institutions?

Ban on conferring deemed university status

†2283. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on conferring deemed university status to institutes of higher education;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the standards on which an institute of higher education could get the status of deemed university?

Access to higher education

2284. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of students having access to higher education in the country;

(b) the number of States which have better access to higher education than the national average, State-wise, including Jharkhand; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve students enrolment in higher education?

Yoga in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

2285. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government proposes to make yoga a compulsory subject in the Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether the new subject would be a part of the revised curriculum equivalent to other disciplines; and

(c) the details of organizations and institutions consulted in the process prior to the decision?

Shortage of faculty and poor infrastructure in institutes

2286. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of faculty and poor infrastructure in newly created IITs, NITs, IIMs, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sanctioned and actual faculty position in these institutions including infrastructure; and

(d) the efforts taken by Government to fill vacant faculty positions in these institutions besides expediting construction of new campuses and other required infrastructure?

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Assistance to educational institutions for minorities

2287. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount provided under Central schemes for providing quality education in educational institutions for minorities and the assistance provided to each such body along with the number of students and teachers thereof;

(b) the number of local/non-local teachers in these institutions giving names and residential particulars of non-local teachers;

(c) the number of registered and unregistered madaras and such other institutions as in 1996, 2002, 2008 and as on date; and

(d) whether this assistance is provided to all the schools for minorities including those for Sikhs and other minorities and if not, the reasons therefor?

Compliance of FSSAI guidelines in Mid Day Meal Scheme

2288. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred question 1502 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 2015 and state whether, in view of rise in incidents of unhealthy mid-day meals in schools in various States of the country, Government has decided to comply with the guidelines issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to improve the quality of mid-day meals and if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure on construction of institutions

2289. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on construction of secondary, higher secondary, polytechnic and other technical and non-technical institutions of education in minority concentrated areas during the year 2014-15;

(b) the number of educational institutions constructed and operationalised in those areas during that period; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to promote education among minority population in the country including skill development programmes initiated specifically for minorities?

Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya

†2290. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country having yoga teachers;

(b) the criteria for appointment of yoga teachers and the total requirement of such teachers; and

(c) whether discussions were held before introducing yoga in schools and if so, the details of persons and experts involved in the discussions?

Dropout of children from schools

†2291. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of children in terms of

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boys/girls respectively who dropped out of school education in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for leaving the school education abruptly; and

(c) the details of schemes being operated for imparting school education as well as the amount spent on those schemes during the last three years and the outcomes thereof?

Central university status to Vikramshila University

†2292. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned the status of Central university to Vikramshila University; and

(b) if so, the details of features of this action plan and the funds likely to be spent thereon?

Fake mark sheets

2293. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many incidents of fake mark sheets are being reported in the country;

(b) whether Government has any system in place to check these documents and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government is planning to put a system in place to check these documents and if so, the details thereof?

Ragging in educational institutions

2294. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of ragging in educational institutes are increasing;

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

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

Expulsion of students from IIT, Roorkee

2295. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 73 students of IIT, Roorkee have been expelled on the basis of their poor performance in getting good grades/marks;

(b) if so, the reasons for their poor performance;

(c) whether teaching system and teaching staff are also responsible for such a poor performance of such a large number of students; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken against the teaching staff responsible for poor performance of these students?

Malpractices in affiliation procedures

2296. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed about the malpractices related to the qualifications and enlistment of teaching

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faculty by unaided self-financing colleges for affiliation purposes and for submitting to AICTE and other national councils;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning for the quality and service conditions of teaching faculty in technical institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fake universities

2297. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has published a list of fake universities cautioning students to refrain from enrolling in such bogus institutes;

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

(c) whether there exists any mechanism to take action against those universities which are playing with the dreams of innocent students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Committee for National Education Policy

2298. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new National Education Policy is being framed;

(b) if so, whether any committee has been constituted for the purpose;

(c) the names of members of the committee;

(d) the terms of reference of the committee or the guidelines given to the committee;

(e) whether the policy proposes to deal with syllabus on political history of the country;

(f) whether the policy is going to provide for effective ways of implementing principles of secularism and socialism; and

(g) whether any specific provision is proposed to be made in the policy in the matter of scientific temper?

Financial mismanagement and diversion of funds under MDMS

2299. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG's performance audit report of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) has found financial mismanagement and diversion of funds of the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken against those involved therein?

Institutes for training of primary and secondary school teachers

†2300. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of institutes for training of teachers of primary and secondary schools in the country, State-wise and Government and private institute-wise; and

(b) the total number of teachers trained every year in these institutes?

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Schools granted minority status

2301. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools that have been granted minority status in each State/UT since 2010; and

(b) the number of applications for minority status submitted by schools during the same period?

Expenditure under SPQEM and IDMI

2302. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds disbursed/ expenditure incurred under the Scheme to Provide Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) and the Infrastructure Development in Minority Institution (IDMI) Schemes during the last three years and the current year, so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments are not cooperating in implementation of these schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the procedure for availing facilities under these schemes is cumbersome and time consuming; and

(d) the action being taken to simplify the same?

Construction of toilets in schools

†2303. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to construct toilets in all the schools across the country under the Swachh Bharat-Swachh Vidyalaya campaign;

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

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

Waste-to-energy plants

2304. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up waste-to-energy plants in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the above project would add to air pollution and would be a costly affair;

(c) whether Government has studied its pros and cons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with its action plan in the matter?

Target for grid connected solar roof top systems

2305. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funding for the target set for installation of grid connected solar roof top systems is expected from various sources, including State Government budget, loans from public and private banks under priority sector and the subsidies from the Ministry;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has a scheme to provide 15 per cent subsidy on the benchmark cost for some select categories; and

(c) whether such subsidy is not there for industrial and commercial establishments?

Production of biogas

2306. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of biogas being produced in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the targets fixed for setting up of biogas plants under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) during the Twelfth Five Year Plan and the estimated quantum of biogas likely to be produced, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any subsidy is provided to weaker sections of the society for installation of household biogas plants and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a number of States have submitted proposals for allocation of funds for setting up of biogas plants under NBMMP and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken thereon?

Potential of solar energy in Karnataka

2307. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the potential area for solar energy in Karnataka, district-wise;

(b) the support by the Central and State

Governments for best utilization of natural resources; and

(c) the schemes adopted by the State Government to best utilize the solar energy in those districts?

Tapping of wind energy

2308. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to tap wind energy as source of power generation;

(b) if so, the details of such initiatives and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the present status of Wind Power Generation; and

(d) the details of targets, achievements and budget spent on these schemes during the last five years?

Tapping and development of wind energy

2309. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Jharkhand for tapping and development of wind energy in the State;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated for each State under this head; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase the wind energy in the country?

Alternative fuel for diesel

2310. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status of finding an alternative fuel for diesel by the Research and Development Wing of the Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry has explored the possibility of using coconut oil as a bio-fuel for vehicles; and

(c) if so, the results of such research projects?

Financial allocation of the Ministry

2311. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the financial allocation of the Ministry during the last three years ending on 31st March, 2015, year-wise;

(b) what was the generation of renewable energy during these years, year-wise; and

(c) why the sector does not get due importance in the policy frame of the country?

Electrification of villages in inaccessible areas

†2312. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received proposals for electrification of villages situated in inaccessible areas including backward villages and remote villages in the forest areas through non-

conventional energy sources during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the number of such proposals sanctioned, State-wise and how many of them are still lying pending for approval?

Transmission system for renewable energy

†2313. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has sent any letter/agenda regarding development of transmission system for the advancement of renewable energy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has chalked out any plan to develop the transmission system in the State and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) has made any announcement regarding development of transmission system for transmission of renewable energy in the State and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when such an announcement would be made?

National Mission on Small Hydro Power Projects

2314. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

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

(a) whether Government has drafted the

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National Mission on Small Hydro Power Projects for augmentation of country's hydro power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of projects planned by Government under this Mission, State-wise?

Funds allocated to Panchayats

†2315. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such villages in the country as on date where elected Panchayats are not in existence, State-wise;

(b) whether it is envisaged in the report of the Tenth Finance Commission that funds regarding development of Panchayati Raj would be disbursed to elected Panchayats only; and

(c) if so, the details of funds allocated/ issued to Panchayats, till date, during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Additional allocation of the Ministry

†2316. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether an additional allocation of mere ₹ 1,000 crore is adequate after a huge deduction in the Budget of the Ministry;

(b) the details of items for which this amount would be utilized and the amount of allocation to be made under this, State-wise;

(c) the prospective plan of the Ministry for strengthening the Panchayati Raj System; and

(d) the mode of financial assistance to

be provided by the Ministry for the development of backward regions?

Monitoring of Activity Maps in CSS

2317. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steering Committee established under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Panchayati Raj to monitor progress with regard to incorporating Activity Maps in Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) continues to be operational;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what alternative mechanism, if any, has been put in place in this regard?

Model Activity Maps in CSS

2318. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether, at the instance of the former Prime Minister, the Cabinet Secretary was directed to ensure that all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) incorporate the Model Activity Maps for the devolution of funds, functions and functionaries to Panchayats;

(b) the current state of progress with regard to these instructions; and

(c) whether the Cabinet Secretary is continuing to monitor and expedite progress in this regard?

Single teacher schools in Assam

2319. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schools are

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running with a single teacher in Tea Gardens of Assam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many schools are running there and what is the teacher capacity in each school, district-wise;

(c) what are the steps/measures taken by Government to protect Education Act there; and

(d) what are the steps/measures taken by Government to fill-up sufficient teachers in each school there?

Use of LED bulbs

2320. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to replace the usage of incandescent bulbs in the country with LED lights;

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

(c) whether any subsidy system has been planned to replace bulbs with LED lights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for distribution of LED lights in rural areas where the problem of frequent power cuts and low voltage problems exists?

T&D losses

2321. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue losses incurred in the transmission and distribution (T&D) of power during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to check the said losses; and

(c) the total accumulated losses of power companies, State-wise and PSU-wise?

Outstandings of State Electricity Boards

2322. SHRI V. P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the outstandings of various SEBs in the country and to whom along with the details regarding power purchase outstandings; and

(b) what are the reasons for the outstandings and how are they going to be contained along with the details of various bailout packages?

Implementation of DDU-GJY

2323. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a New Rural Electrification Programme called the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDU-GJY) is being launched replacing the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);

(b) if so, the features thereof;

(c) whether any assessment has been made to identify the villages, State-wise, to bring them under this Yojana for electrification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-bound programme being worked out to achieve total rural electrification in the country?

Status of UMPPs

2324. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) undertaken till date and their present position;

(b) the power generation capacity of existing and proposed UMPPs;

(c) how many UMPPs have started generation as on date and the reasons for idle UMPPs, if any;

(d) whether any UMPP has been closed due to resistance by the local people; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to remove the obstacles and facilitate setting up the project?

Funds for power generation in Karnataka

2325. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of increase in power generation in Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds provided by the Central Government during the last three financial years and the current financial year for making the State self-sufficient in power generation, head-wise;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has demanded more funds for this purpose;

(d) if so, whether the Central Government has considered the request of the State Government; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Transmission projects

2326. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided a high priority to transmission projects;

(b) if so, the details of transmission projects, State-wise;

(c) whether any targets have been set for their commissioning; and

(d) how far these would strengthen and augment the National Grid?

Scheme for availability of power

†2327. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking special steps to ensure equal availability and low cost power to common man in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is working on any scheme to provide low cost adequate power to farmers of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in power situation

†2328. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power generation in the country has witnessed an all time increase during the last one year and the shortage of power has touched the all time record low-level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is working on any comprehensive schemes to set up large power plants, to restore the inoperable gas based plants, to meet the demand of power during peak time and to attract investment in distribution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Rating of coal based power plants

2329. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of an environmental study made on rating of coal based power plants by experts at the Centre for Science and Environment in which India's thermal power generating units figure among the world's most inefficient in terms of compliance to pollution norms, use of resources and overall operation efficiency;

(b) whether the study also noted that Delhi is home to one of the most polluting power plants in the country, NTPC's Badarpur Thermal Power Plant, which has contributed in turning the capital into the most polluted city in the world; and

(c) the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Offloading of stake in DVC power plant

2330. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to offer a 26 per cent stake in generation-to-irrigation utility DVC's coal-fired power plant at Raghunathpur in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said power plant is expected to be acquired by Central power generation utility NTPC; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of villages

†2331. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages/colonies electrified during the last three years under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);

(b) whether any study has been conducted to identify the number of villages/colonies yet to be electrified so that it would be convenient to set the targets;

(c) the number of villages electrified during the last three years under RGGVY in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(d) the number of proposals submitted to the Ministry for electrification under RGGVY?

Incentives for private power projects

†2332. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which have informed the Ministry regarding establishment of various projects through private partnership in their States to meet the shortage of electricity and have demanded some incentives therefor during the last three years; and

(b) the details of resources made available to different States with regard to such proposals during that period, State-wise?

Improvement in power supply in Bihar

†2333. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared

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any blue-print to meet the demand of electricity in Bihar;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to provide additional electricity from NTPC's Barh Super Thermal Power Plant to the State to meet the problem of power shortage there; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electricity supply to all households

†2334. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to provide electricity to each and every household;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the district-wise details of number of villages in Bihar which are still deprived of electricity and by when electricity is likely to be provided to such villages?

Thermal power plants operating below installed capacity

†2335. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of demand of electricity, several thermal power plants are operating below their installed capacity;

(b) if so, the details of total capacity of various plants at which they have generated electricity during the last year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the input cost of power plants is increasing due to generating electricity below demand; and

(d) if so, the details of losses incurred by power plants during the last one year?

Power supply to Tamil Nadu

2336. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of power demanded by and supplied to Tamil Nadu from the Central pool during the last three years;

(b) whether power supply from Central power grid to the State from the power stations situated outside the State is suffering due to incomplete grid connectivity;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to strengthen the grid connectivity between southern grid with power grids of other regions for power transit to the State?

Non-payment of electricity bills

†2337. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many villages and cities in the country where the number of households evading payment of electricity bills is the maximum and if so, the details thereof during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the outstanding amount of electricity bills in those villages and cities and the details of efforts made by the administration for recovery of the dues?

Coal supply to thermal power stations

2338. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of coal supplied to the Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) as per the Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) and the shortfall in the supply during the last five years;

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(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure the supply of adequate quantity and quality of coal as per FSA to each of TPS in Tamil Nadu during those years;

(c) whether Government has been facilitating any technological and financial support to the TPSs in that State; and

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

Power generation

2339. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total power generated in the country during the last year and what is projection for this year;

(b) what is the share of public sector in this generation;

(c) how many new power stations are coming up in public sector; and

(d) what would be the expected share of public sector in power generation during 2020?

Status of Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway Project

2340. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway Project;

(b) whether the land acquisition for the said project is complete; and

(c) whether the Central Government has advised the State Government for restarting the work on this project and if so, the details thereof?

Work undertaken by NHIDCL

2341. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the last and the current financial years by the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) in various States, particularly in the North-Eastern States;

(b) how many projects were awarded and the worth in terms of crores of rupees, project-wise; and

(c) the efforts being taken for expeditious clearance of all formalities like land acquisition, tendering, awarding and monitoring of the projects?

Deaths in road accidents

2342. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of deaths due to road accidents have increased and if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many of these are caused due to faulty road design and maintenance; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the 'Vision Zero' programmes of western countries like Sweden, whereby such deaths have been reduced despite doubling of cars on roads?

Status of Delhi-Amritsar Highway

2343. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi-

Amritsar Highway is under construction for the last many years and has not been completed, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay and by when the whole stretch is likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some companies are charging exorbitant toll tax on the stretches which are still under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Construction of Raipur-Bilaspur National Highway

†2344. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in the construction of Raipur-Bilaspur National Highway in Chhattisgarh into 4/6 lanes and by when the work would be started;

(b) whether the 13 sections of the said work have been divided into 235 sections as the agencies concerned have not taken interest in road construction work in the naxal affected region and whether the Central Government would approve the proposal of the State Government for increasing the road construction work by 5 to 15 per cent; and

(c) by when an approval would be accorded to construct flyovers to connect elevated roads in Rajnandgaon in the State?

Effectiveness of measures to curb deaths in road accidents

2345. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of

ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many road accidents took place during the last three years in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many people died in these accidents, State-wise; and

(c) why the various steps taken by the Ministry are not becoming effective in reducing such deaths?

Incidents of road accidents in Maharashtra

2346. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra is one of the major States for road accidents and deaths caused in such accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to know the reasons of high number of road accidents and deaths in the State;

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

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

NH projects in Himachal Pradesh

2347. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of each National Highway including ongoing projects in Himachal Pradesh;

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(b) whether certain highway projects in the State are pending for approval;

(c) if so, the details thereof including roads and State highways declared as National Highways in that State during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to expedite the delayed projects in the State?

Changes in the Road Transport and Safety Bill, 2015

2348. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been major changes in various drafts of the Road Transport and Safety Bill, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) why the three timelines, self-imposed by Government to introduce the Bill, have been missed;

(d) why the idea of giving an appointed body the power to order a recall if a minimum of 100 people reported major defects in a vehicle was opposed; and

(e) why most provisions have been pushed into the ambit of rules in the latest version of the draft Bill?

Collection of toll

†2349. SHRI NAZIR AHMED
LAWAY:
MIR MOHAMMAD
FAYAZ:

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

(a) the details of toll plazas in the

country and the annual income from them during the last five years;

(b) the details of toll plazas which are collecting toll even after completing time-limit and target, State-wise and Location-wise;

(c) the main reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to prevent forcible collection of toll?

Revival in PPP projects

2350. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sign of revival in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects with five projects drawing several bids on BOT toll mode and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would be selling 5,000 km. road projects worth about ₹ 1 lakh crore after they are completed on Engineering, Procurement and Construction mode and if so, the details thereof?

Agency for road safety and traffic management

2351. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up a dedicated body for ensuring road safety and traffic management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to incorporate global best practices in road

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safety and management and also for inclusion of a chapter on road safety in school curriculum in order to inculcate the importance of the subject at the primary school level?

Construction of by passes

2352. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects are proposed to be undertaken by the Ministry along with the funds proposed to be spent by March 2019, State-wise;

(b) how many by pass road projects would be undertaken in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that twelve by pass road projects would be undertaken by the Ministry in Odisha;

(d) if so, the names thereof along with the amount sanctioned for each project; and

(e) how much funds has been sanctioned for the State during 2015-16?

Land acquired for National Highways

2353. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land acquired by Government for construction of National Highways, including the acquisitions made for private companies for highways construction projects executed in PPP (Public-Private Partnership) mode since 2000, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons displaced in the above mentioned processes of land acquisitions, State-wise; and

(c) the amount of money disbursed as compensation to such displaced persons and the progress of measures taken to ensure their rehabilitation and resettlement?

Proposal received from Himachal Pradesh

2354. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from the Government of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the present status of the said proposals, proposal-wise;

(d) whether many of them are still pending with Government for approval; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the said proposals are likely to be approved?

Schemes for new highways

†2355. 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 worked out a scheme for sanctioning new highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of highways sanctioned in the country during 2015-16 including names of places in various States where these highways would come up along with the number of highways sanctioned in Bihar?

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Bharat Mala Project

2356. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Bharat Mala Project to improve reach and connectivity in border and coastal areas of the country;

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

(c) the details of roads constructed across the country, so far, under the said project, State-wise;

(d) the details of funds provided for implementation of the said projects so far; and

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

Incentives for discarding old cars

2357. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

(a) whether Government is formulating a new policy for giving financial assistance to those willing to discard their old cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has advised the people to avoid using multiple cars and adopt vehicle planning on the lines of family planning?

Improvement in connectivity to naxal affected areas

2358. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of ROAD

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to convert roads into highways in various parts of the country to provide adequate road connectivity to the naxal affected regions and to link them to the mainstream of Indian economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the amount earmarked for such conversion of roads into highways, State-wise; and

(c) by when this work is likely to be completed alongwith the progress made in this regard, as on date; and

(d) the other welfare steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Foreign players for delayed National Highways projects

2359. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to invite foreign players in the construction of delayed National Highway projects with a view to complete them within the stipulated period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to road accidents

2360. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that about hundreds of lives are lost daily due to deadly

road accidents in the country according to the data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether according to the latest data released by NCRB, speeding and dangerous driving were the biggest reasons for road fatalities and more than 16 people died every hour on an average in road accidents in India; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent or reduce such rate of mortalities due to road accidents in the country and to provide speedy medical aid to victims?

Accidents due to driving under influence of alcohol or narcotics

2361. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents that occurred in the country during the last five years due to driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics and how many of these were hit-and-run cases;

(b) the number of such accidents that led to fatalities;

(c) the number of such cases in which the culprits were apprehended and convicted; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to reduce drunken driving in the country and penalize those causing harm to others by driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs?

Construction of express highways

2362. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VIJAY GOEL:
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct express highways on the pattern of Mumbai-Pune Express highway, with concrete cement roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the sectors to be covered;

(c) the estimated cost of the project and the names of the highways that would be developed;

(d) whether Government also proposes to construct such highways in southern part of India considering heavy traffic and commercial potential and whether coastal roads in Andhra Pradesh and Vijayawada-Chennai would be included;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and whether it would be considered in the future proposals?

Socio economic parameters of rural population

2363. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 19 per cent of India's rural population in 2011 lacked at least one of seven socio economic parameters used to estimate deprivation that includes sources of income, the presence of an able and literate adult and quality-dwelling; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard in consultation with State Governments?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Chhattisgarh

†2364. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for construction of roads bridges and small bridges under phase-I of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and proposals under phase-II (PMGSY) are pending with the Central Government for approval;

(b) whether there is a proposal for construction of roads in 29 development blocks in 7 districts of Chhattisgarh to connect them with all weather roads and it is pending for approval; and

(c) whether the approval of the Central Government for (a) and (b) above would be accorded without delay?

Progress of SAGY

†2365. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Members of Parliament who have identified villages under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and the pace of development in those villages;

(b) whether some Members of Parliament have abandoned the villages identified by them due to lack of financial assistance from Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds to States

2366. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1561 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 2015 and state whether Government proposes to allocate additional adequate funds for the States having poor performance in developing socio-economic and caste structure with particular reference to rural India as per SECC to tide over poverty and if so, the details thereof?

NABARD loan for rural road projects in Madhya Pradesh

†2367. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had provided financial assistance for rural road projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current financial year, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) the details of amount allocated and the amount spent on the above projects; and

(d) whether any time-frame was fixed for completion of the said projects and whether these projects were completed within the prescribed time-frame and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Benefits of displacement to land-losers due to Polavaram dam

2368. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from the Forum of Social and Human Rights to treat all land-losers who suffered land acquisition for Polavaram dam as displaced people;

(b) if so, the details of the representation;

(c) whether it is a fact that land-losers who suffered due to land acquisition have been deprived of any benefits of displacement; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to rectify this anomaly and injustice?

Construction of houses for SCs, STs and BPL families

2369. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether BPL families in rural areas are provided any financial assistance for construction of houses;

(b) if so, the number of housing units constructed during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide free houses for SCs/STs in the country including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Payment of unemployment allowance under MGNREGA

2370. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many days of unemployment allowance were sought under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employ Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the financial year 2014-15, State-wise;

(b) how many days of unemployment allowance were paid during the above period, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for non-payment of remaining unemployment allowance; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that guaranteed 100 days wage employment or unemployment allowance are provided to the eligible persons?

Performance of MGNREGA

2371. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the annual allocation under MGNREGA during the last three years along with actual expenditure, State-wise;

(b) the various permissible activities which could be undertaken under MGNREGA;

(c) whether Government is planning to change labour material ratio under this scheme;

(d) whether any study has been conducted, so far, to assess the impact of MGNREGA on rural farm labour in Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) whether any study has been conducted to assess the impact of increase in wages on rural landless farmers, due to this scheme?

Performance of PMGSY

†2372. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released during the last three years under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the amount spent relative to this and the amount which remained unspent, State-wise;

(b) the initiatives that the Ministry would consider to take for repairing the roads constructed under PMGSY, so that, there is no additional burden on the States; and

(c) the reasons as to why the repairing of the roads constructed under PMGSY have not been undertaken thereunder?

Allocations under PMGSY

2373. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocations under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been curtailed and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the funds allocated to various States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether some States, including Uttar Pradesh, have requested Government to increase allocations under PMGSY; and

(d) if so, the details of the follow-up action taken by Government thereon?

Introduction of gender-based land records

2374. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked all the States to introduce gender-based land records;

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

(c) the name of States who have started following this practice and also those who have agreed to make this change;

(d) the reasons for not following this practice by other States; and

(e) the other steps to streamline the land records being taken by Government under the National Land Records Modernisation Programme?

Plan to link cities situated on banks of Ganga in Bihar

†2375. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PARWEEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated plan to include the cities situated on the banks of Ganga in Bihar under Ganga rejuvenation programme; and

(b) if so, the details therefor and the names of such cities?

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**National Perspective Plan under
Sagarmala project**

2376. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a National Perspective Plan (NPP) under the Sagarmala project to identify potential Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project plans to enhance the capacity of major and non-major ports and make them more efficient; and

(d) if so, the status of implementation of this project?

**Functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru
Port Trust**

2377. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve the functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) which handles over 50 per cent of India's container trade?

Individual turnover of top five ports

2378. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the individual turnover of top five ports owned by Government/public sector during the last three fiscal years; and

(b) the details about the turnover of top five ports in private sector during that period?

**Setting up of new port in Andhra
Pradesh**

2379. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to build ships using only indigenous technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is setting up new ports and fillip to inland water ways to make Indian shipping sector vibrant;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government proposes to set up a new port in Andhra Pradesh in addition to the existing ports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Improving canal irrigation facilities

2380. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects sanctioned in the country during the last two years and the details with regard to their present status;

(b) the details of canals with water flowing and those lying dry in the country due to which farmers have to face hardships in irrigating their fields, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for improving canal irrigation facilities?

Kosi Ghaghra link for flood control in Bihar

2381. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to take up the Sapta-Kosi project which would facilitate the Kosi-Ghaghra link and help in controlling flood in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has held discussions with Nepal Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Krishna Pennar link

2382. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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

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

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

Reimbursement claim under AIBP

2383. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has requested the release of reimbursement claim of ₹ 970 crore during 2014-15 under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, how soon the claim would be released; and

(c) if not released, the reasons therefor?

Scheme for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies in Jharkhand

2384. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for repair, renovation and restoration (RRR) of water bodies, directly linked to agriculture, was launched in January, 2005 for implementation during remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan with an outlay of ₹ 300 crores;

(b) whether as per the scheme, 90 per cent of the project was to be funded by the Central Government and 10 per cent by the State of Jharkhand, having vast tribal and naxal affected areas;

(c) if so, the details of lakes/ponds renovated under the above pilot scheme during the last five years in that State, district-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for development of Shipra river

†2385. DR SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the funds released during the last three years, year-wise for the development of rivers including Shipra river and to make them pollution free and the details of achievements of such ten major projects?

Progress of projects of Karnataka

2386. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had submitted the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) in respect of Modernisation of Tunga Annecut Canal System, Tungabhadra Left Bank Canal System, Bhadra Canal System and Yettinahole Drinking Water Project to the Ministry for approval;

(b) whether the Ministry has examined those DPRs by now and if so, the status thereof; and

(c) by when these projects would be approved and State Government advised accordingly?

Contamination of ground water

2387. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has revealed in a shocking assessment that half the

country's districts face the problem of ground water contamination with poisonous substances and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the consumption of such contaminated water by humans is resulting in outbreak of severe maladies; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to tackle this menace of ground water contamination?

Water harvesting

†2388. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would consider issuing directions to the State Governments to make water harvesting mandatory at district and block levels, in view of decreasing water level in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would provide resources to the States for this purpose; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry has any other plan to check the decreasing water level and if so, the details thereof?

Eviction of tribals and farmers in Anguluru

2389. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from Forum on Social and

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Human Rights to help displaced people affected by Polavaram dam;

(b) whether it is a fact that a request was made regarding the eviction of tribals and farmers in Anguluru village under Polavaram dam;

(c) whether Government has sent a team to survey the damage and cost of such evictions; and

(d) the steps proposed to extend all help under the new land laws to the villagers?

Sardar Sarovar Yojana on river Narmada

2390. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sardar Sarovar Yojana on river Narmada is one of the old and famous water resources programme in the State of Gujarat;

(b) how much time Government would take to complete the above Yojana;

(c) the details of various districts of the State where Narmada water is available for agriculture and drinking purposes; and

(d) the details of total electricity generated due to Narmada dam and the allocations made to various States?

Royalty for river waters

2391. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to

declare and notify the form of payment of Royalty for river waters;

(b) whether the States, which have only water as one of the most scarce resources, also deserves compensation on the same lines, as other natural resources; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to ensure that the riparian States also get due compensation for any water they sacrifice to other non riparian States leading to disadvantage to farmers in the riparian States?

Inter-linking of rivers

2392. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inter-linking of rivers projects proposed to be included in the National Perspective Plan drawn for the purpose;

(b) whether Government has made any efforts to forge a consensus among States over the plan to link rivers across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government for speedy implementation of river linking projects across the country?

Making Yamuna water safe for irrigation and domestic use

2393. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Water Commission has declared that the

Yamuna water at Agra is unsafe for irrigation and domestic use which has nearly 50 times more biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) than the permissible limit and water in the river, now polluted beyond repairs, is also contaminating ground water; and

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government to make river water safe for drinking and irrigation purposes and also to save ground water from contamination?

Depletion of ground water level

2394. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of depletion of ground water level in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of assistance provided to the States by the Central Government to check depletion during the last five years; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government to check the depleting level of ground water in the country?

Setting up of a Ganga University in Varanasi

2395. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to set up a Ganga University in Varanasi to undertake study and research on the rejuvenation of Ganga and other rivers of India and provide a boost to the centre's Swachh Ganga Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has provided the necessary land and other helps as agreed to by them; and

(c) by when the proposed university would start functioning?

Studies on Mahanadi-Godavari river link project

2396. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any further study has been made by Government into the impact to Mahanadi-Godavari river link project after the feasibility report submitted by the National Water Development Agency in 2003;

(b) the details of the 2003 study and any further study indicating especially the cost benefit analysis in respect of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) the reasons for Government not commissioning further studies to avoid large scale submersion and displacement in Odisha?

Preserving ponds and lakes

2397. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) what action are taken by Government for preserving the ponds and lakes of the country, keeping in view the

scarcity of drinking water in various parts of the country;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has given any verdict in this regard to remove the houses and other constructions made by the people on the traditional ponds, in view to preserve the ponds, particularly in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by Government in this context?

Prevention of flood

†2398. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making efforts to check land erosion due to flood water in villages along rivers;

(b) whether Government is considering to improve and rectify the river system in the country for prevention of flood;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to control the dangerous situation arisen due to flood; and

(d) whether Government is considering to find out any solution through negotiations with Government of Nepal, keeping in view the loss of property and lives in various districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar due to hundreds of cusecs of water released from that country?

Decreasing ground water resources

2399. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data regarding the ground water resources of different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ground water resources and reserves are decreasing alarmingly;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are taken by Government to address the above problems?

Water sharing disputes

2400. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI:

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

(a) whether Government has received/ faced any water sharing disputes' representations from Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government has prepared any policy to resolve all water sharing disputes in the country out of court, including the above representations over Cauvery and other river water sharing disputes; and

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

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