

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 160

Impact of coal mining on environment

2881. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of coal by Coal India Limited and other entities in the country is at its highest level ever;

(b) if so, what impact the increased mining of coal would have on the environment;

(c) whether Government has taken any step to make coal mining more environment friendly;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and how Government plans to protect the environment?

Landslides due to vertical mining of coal

2882. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been frequent landslides due to extensive vertical mining of coal during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details regarding the accidents, region-wise and the number of casualties, if any;

(c) whether Government has any preventive measures to avoid such accidents and whether there is any limit set for vertical mining; and

(d) the details of international guidelines thereon, if any and whether Government's policies are in line with that?

Categorisation of coal mines

2883. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mines categorised as Schedule I, II and III under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 2014;

(b) the details of total coal mined in terms of quantity, quality (grade) and commercial

value, mine-wise after enforcement of the Ordinance;

(c) the details of private companies involved in mining of Schedule III mines, mine-wise; and

(d) the details of coal imported in terms of quality, quantity (grade) and countries imported from, during the last three years?

Revision of royalty on coal

2884. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would appreciate the genuine concerns of Odisha and take immediate steps for revision of royalty on coal; and

(b) when the decision to enhance the rate of royalty of coal is expected to be taken by Government?

Functioning of BCCL and ECL

2885. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) have been functioning for a long duration without a regular Chairman and Managing Director;

(b) what is the reason for delays in filling the key positions;

(c) whether Government, keeping key positions unfilled, would have a deleterious effect on the functioning of these PSUs; and

(d) by when Government proposes to fill these posts?

Closure of washeries in BCCL

2886. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal washeries which have been closed in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the reason for closure of these washeries;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to deal with the resulting unemployment arising out of such closure; and

(d) whether there is a plan to reopen these washeries?

Purified water supply services

2887. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken by Government to provide sustainable purified water supply services throughout the country;

(b) whether Government has identified the contaminant affected areas of the country, so far; and

(c) the action taken and time-frame proposed by Government relating to sanitation and supply of purified drinking water there?

Toilets under SBM

2888. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed, State-wise during the last two years under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in rural areas;

(b) the number of proposals received under SBM for rural areas from various States for construction of toilets during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the number of toilets to be constructed under SBM during the next two years, State-wise?

Assistance to Rajasthan for drinking water problem

2889. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the request made by Rajasthan Government *vide* letter dated 7th, June, 2014, Government would provide special additional assistance to the State and provide annual assistance of ₹ 7,275 crore for the next ten years for long-term solution of drinking water problem;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey on Swachhta status by NSSO

2890. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has conducted a survey of Swachhta status;

(b) if so, the details of highlights of the findings; and

(c) whether Government proposes to incorporate changes in the Swachh Bharat Mission in the light of findings of the survey?

Providing clean drinking water to villages

†2891. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state the State-wise number of villages out of the total villages in the country,

which do not have access to clean drinking water and the year-wise action plan to provide clean drinking water to those villages during the next five years and the details of targets set for providing clean drinking water to all the villages?

Supply of safe water to households

2892. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has defined the level of TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) allowed in tap water supplied to households in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of steps Government has taken to ensure safe and quality water supply to households in the country?

Dual pump water supply scheme

2893. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that solar power based dual pump water supply scheme is being implemented in Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh and Karimnagar district of Telangana;

(b) if so, how many habitations in the above districts are expected to get water supply;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no habitation has been covered since implementation of the scheme *i.e.* 2013;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the identified habitations

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in the above districts would be covered under the scheme?

Rural water supply and sanitation project in Andhra Pradesh

2894. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

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

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

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

Toilets under SBM in rural households

2895. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of 10 States which have most rural households with toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM); and

(b) the names of 10 States which are worst performers in regard to rural households with sanitation toilets under SBM?

Construction of toilets on banks of Ganga

†2896. SHRI HARIVANSH:
SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

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

(a) the number of toilets proposed to be built by Government along the banks of river Ganga;

(b) the extent of utilization of funds allocated under this head during the last two years; and

(c) the quantum of funds spent by the Ministry besides the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under the head of cleaning along the banks of river Ganga and the details of works for which it was spent?

Awareness regarding sanitation

†2897. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets built by Government during the last two years and the number of toilets out of the above that are being used;

(b) the amount of funds spent by Government for spreading awareness about sanitation during the said period; and

(c) whether according to reports, the toilets built in 7.41 crore dwelling units are not usable and if so, the steps taken by Government to change this situation?

Clean drinking water for arsenic affected areas

†2898. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that all could get safe drinking water at places which are having arsenic in water and that water borne diseases do not spread among Indian citizens;

(b) the number of districts/places in States/Union Territories duly identified by

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Government where such problems are rampant; and

(c) the reasons for presence of arsenic in water and the details of current status of decision taken previously by Government to eradicate this problem?

Assistance to States for drinking water and sanitation

†2899. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to States under drinking water and sanitation campaign in the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) the names of States which have not utilized the allocated amount completely;

(c) whether there are States which have not utilized the allocated money during the last financial year; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

Supply of piped drinking water in villages

2900. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and percentage thereof provided with piped drinking water during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals received from various States for providing piped drinking water to households of rural areas of the country; and

(c) the targeted year by which every Indian could expect to have at least piped drinking water connection to his house?

Non-availability of safe drinking water

2901. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of non-availability of safe drinking water continues in many States;

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

(c) the funds sanctioned/spent for this purpose in each State/UT during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether Government is working on a mission to provide clean tap water for drinking purposes; and

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

Scarcity of drinking water

2902. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:
SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

(a) whether several parts of the country has faced the scarcity of drinking water recently especially in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra and if so, what steps are taken to ensure that States have sufficient clean drinking water with them to supply to the people; and

(b) whether any short term and long term solutions has already been taken by Government or it is planning to take to ensure regular availability of clean drinking water and if so, the details thereof?

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Funds to States for controlling pollution

2903. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released funds to various States to check the level of pollution in their respective States and if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the details of works undertaken with the help of funds allocated for controlling pollution and whether Government has undertaken any review of the said works and if so, the outcome thereof?

Protection of rivers and water bodies from pollution

2904. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines are under consideration to protect rivers and water bodies situated close to tourist and pilgrimage sites from pollution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Assessment on impact of pollution

2905. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to solve the problem of air pollution in NCR due to burning of crop residue in adjoining States;

(b) whether Government has set up any institutional mechanism to discount annual

recurrence of this phenomenon and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has assessed any adverse impact of pollution on the health of children and people; and

(d) if so, what punitive measures have been taken against the people and agencies, polluting the environment during the last three years?

Side effects of GM crops

2906. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for getting approval for cultivating GM crops in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of the side effects of GM crops and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is strong resentment among public on approving the cultivation of GM mustard and a dharna has also been staged before the Ministry to stop the approval of its cultivation and all other such crops, in view of their adverse effects on the environment and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Electrocution of animals in forests

2907. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of animals died due to electrocution in forests during 2010 to 2016, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of electric cables in forests converted into underground cables following the guidelines published by the Ministry in October; and

(c) the details of inspections conducted by Government on electric cables in forests during that period, State/UT-wise?

Death of penguins in Mumbai zoo

2908. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some penguins have died in Mumbai zoo, due to adverse climatic conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) why the penguins were brought to India, even through the climatic conditions here do not suit them?

Poaching of Royal Bengal tigers in Sundarbans

2909. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poaching of Royal Bengal tigers in Sundarbans have increased during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures are adopted to stop poaching?

Deposits in *ad hoc* CAMPA by Odisha

2910. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds deposited in

ad hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) by Odisha Government, till date;

(b) the amount of funds released by the Central Government to the State Government; and

(c) by when the balance of funds would be released to the State Government?

Disposal of plastic waste

2911. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the plastic waste generated in the country do not get disposed off, as per the procedure;

(b) if so, what is our capacity to collect, store and recycle such waste; and

(c) what is the roadmap for developing the required capacity for the purpose?

Cause of haze over Delhi/NCR

2912. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the real reasons for the recent haze over Delhi/NCR are yet to be found;

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

(c) how a solution could be found without knowing its exact cause?

Reducing carbon footprints

2913. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 121 given in

the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 2016 and state the challenges which we are facing collectively as a country in the process of reducing our carbon footprints?

High level of particulate matters in air

2914. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is suffering with extremely high level of particulate matters *vis-a-vis* WHO recommended air quality standards;

(b) the study report on the impact of such pollution; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to control this environmental threat?

Implementation of conditionalities on environmental clearances to forest dwellers

2915. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would ensure that, as a part of environmental clearances given for Polavaram dam, forest-dwellers would get relief, as per the Forest Rights Act, 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that no benefits under the Act has been given to farmers of Kothuru in Kurdrukota Panchayat and Pydipaka since 1st July, 2015;

(c) how Government would ensure that the full extent of conditionalities of environmental clearances are implemented; and

(d) whether a conference of affected

people would be given a hearing by Government to ensure full compliance of environmental clearances given for Polavaram dam?

Revised guidelines for declaration of Critical Wildlife Habitat

2916. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to issue revised guidelines for declaration of Critical Wildlife Habitat in the Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of children from air pollution

2917. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking any action to protect children from air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of schools being shut, due to excessive pollution during the last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken for controlling the air pollution?

Compensatory plantation in Chhattisgarh

†2918. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the area, in hectares, of land in

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Chhattisgarh on which trees were planted by Government as a compensation for trees felled for construction of National Highways during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that artificial afforestation is not a long-term measure and it cannot be compared with decreasing and disappearing natural forests; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Notices to mining lease holders in Goa

2919. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal has given notices to mining lease holders in Goa on the issue of validity of environment clearances given to them;

(b) the number of mining lease holders and the names of companies or individuals to whom such notices have been given;

(c) what is the stand, if any, taken by these companies or individuals;

(d) by when the companies are expected to reply; and

(e) the details of consequences provided for cases of violations and which provisions of the law would be applicable in such cases?

Environmental concerns of GM mustard

2920. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are environmental concerns in introducing GM mustard variety;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Security of wild animals

†2921. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering about security of wild animals;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to take any concrete step for their security; and

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

Funds for afforestation

†2922. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided funds to the States for afforestation, keeping in view the betterment of environment of the country;

(b) if so, the amount provided to States during the financial years 2013-14 to 2016-17, State-wise;

(c) the States which have started plantation on priority basis; and

(d) the States which have not started any work, even after getting the funds?

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Increase in e-waste

2923. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that e-waste is increasing very fast every year in the country;

(b) if so, the details of e-waste generated during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has any plan for safe disposal of e-waste, and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether Government is aware that many diseases and deaths are being caused to labourers engaged in e-waste management; and

(e) whether Government has any proposal to prevent such human suffering and have a safe e-waste disposal mechanism?

Safety appraisal of herbicide tolerant crops

2924. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:
SHRI D. RAJA:

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

(a) whether the regulatory system of the country has developed testing protocols and guidelines for the safety appraisal of herbicide tolerant (HT) crops, particularly for HT mustard;

(b) if so, whether safety testing of GM mustard has been taken up using such HT crop-specific protocols and whether safety clearances have been provided without such testing; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Monitoring and analysis of river pollution

2925. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps are under consideration for constant monitoring and analysis of pollution levels of rivers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Ban on cutting of trees

2926. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the details of revenue loss suffered by States, due to ban on cutting of trees used for commercial purposes during the last five years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes any scheme to compensate the affected States or whether there is any such scheme in place; and

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

Protection, preservation and breeding of wild animals

2927. 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 Government has taken or proposes to take financial and technical assistance from international wildlife experts/

bodies for protection, preservation and breeding of wildlife such as tigers, lions, elephants, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for strict implementation of wildlife laws for preservation of wild animals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pollution due to fairs in Pragati Maidan

†2928. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:"

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

(a) the extent to which air pollution and other harmful substances in Delhi have been found to be hazardous by experts, in view of vehicular pollution and rise in other substances causing damage to environment because of various fairs arranged every year at Pragati Maidan in Delhi;

(b) whether the Ministry has issued any directions to organizers to take precautions for minimizing damage to environment, by air pollution and other harmful substances, due to such functions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in executing NGT/court orders on old vehicles

†2929. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is delay in removing old cars/vehicles from the roads in Delhi even after an order by NGT/court to the effect;

(b) if so, whether the failure in controlling pollution is being talked about;

(c) whether the Ministry has warned the concerned agencies to take necessary action to remove old vehicles from the roads of Delhi; and

(d) the details of steps being taken by the Ministry to curtail the delay in removing old vehicles from Delhi?

Power from tidal waves

2930. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to generate power from tidal waves of the sea in many parts of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Israeli technology would be used for the said purpose;

(c) if so, whether Government has prepared any feasibility report for generating power from tidal waves of the sea in any part of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Solar energy plant in Chhattisgarh

†2931. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for installation of solar energy plants with the capacity of

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11,000 KW from Chhattisgarh is pending for approval in the Ministry and if so, whether the approval would be accorded without delay;

(b) whether the utilisation certificates and the details of expenditure for getting the amount released has been sent by CREDA but the amount has not been released and if so, whether it would be released soon; and

(c) whether the State has received lesser amount of central grants for its solar water heating plants and if so, whether the balance amount would be paid without delay?

Solar power losses in distribution

2932. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total distribution losses incurred by solar power plants during 2010 to 2016;

(b) whether Government is planning to construct an inter-State green corridor to reduce transmission and distribution losses arising from lack of connectivity of solar power plants with the national grid; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Renewable energy projects

2933. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects proposed for meeting the renewable energy targets and the total worth of such projects; and

(b) the details of such projects which are termed as non-moving projects

due to lack of clearances from other Ministries?

Initiatives on renewable energy capacity

2934. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what initiatives the Ministry is taking to achieve its targeted renewable energy capacities and meet committed reduction in emissions;

(b) what is the quantum of projected electricity generation from renewable sources; and

(c) the details of researches the Ministry is undertaking to bring down the cost of generating electricity from renewable sources?

Setting up of bio-gas plants

2935. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

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 States by 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the response of State Governments in this direction;

(c) whether any places have been identified for setting up of such plants in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any special allocations have

been made for this purpose and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Awareness of renewable sources of energy

2936. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to increase awareness of renewable sources of energy among public;

(b) the incentives and subsidies provided by Government to promote renewable sources of energy;

(c) which major Government notified/ authorized companies or agencies are involved in installation of solar power systems; and

(d) the details thereof of their projects and installations made by such companies, State-wise?

Equity flow for wind and solar projects

2937. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a slow-down in equity flow for close to 10,000 MW of projects relating to independent wind power projects and solar projects under the National Solar Mission;

(b) the details of all solar project bids under the Mission, region-wise and the information regarding their progress; and

(c) whether Government has assessed the financial constraints being faced by projects and their viability due to low tariffs being won at Government auctions and if so, the steps taken by Government to tackle the situation?

Cost of generating solar energy

2938. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cost of generating one unit of electricity using solar power in the country;

(b) the total area of land that needs to be utilized for generation of IGW of solar power;

(c) whether there are any existing solar power facilities on fertile or agricultural land; and

(d) if so, whether there are provisions prohibiting such facilities in those areas?

Development of Aurangabad as a solar city

2939. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to develop Aurangabad in Maharashtra as a solar city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been earmarked for this purpose;

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

(e) what would be the role of private sector in this regard?

Ideal areas for tidal energy

2940. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

coastal areas of Maharashtra and other coastal States are very ideal for tidal energy;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to promote tidal energy in Maharashtra and the rest of the country?

Domestic requirement for manufacturing solar cells and modules

2941. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the appellate body of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) ruled against the domestic requirement for manufacturing solar cells and modules in the country's national solar plan;

(b) if so, whether there is any further scope for appeal of this order and if so, whether Government has any plan to pursue this avenue;

(c) what is the expected impact of this order on the National Solar Mission; and

(d) what steps Government proposes to take to ensure the protection and growth of domestic solar industry which is in its incipient state?

Establishment of new solar plants

2942. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as the nation is heading towards green energy, solar power generation would play a major role in it;

(b) whether Government is making efforts for establishment of new solar plants and if so, the amount and percentage of

funds allocated especially for maintenance purposes of solar plants during the last three years; and

(c) what steps are taken by Government to ensure proper maintenance of both the private and the Government solar plants?

Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan

2943. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA) in the country;

(b) if so, what are its salient features; and

(c) what is the present status of implementation of PMEYSA in Maharashtra?

Abolition of MPTC and ZPTC system

2944. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to abolish the system of Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTCs) and Zila Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTCs) in the country;

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

(c) whether any State Governments have requested the Central Government for abolition of this system and if so, the details thereof?

Adverse impact of slashed budget

2945. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions has been adversely affected, due to slashed budgetary allocations to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry would suffer severely because of discontinuation of Backward Regions Grant Fund allocations; and

(d) if so, the details regarding its major consequences?

Funds for development of agriculture and rural sectors

2946. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita allocation of funds for development of agriculture and rural sectors especially in backward and rural areas inhabited by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the amount demanded by State Governments and sanctioned by the Central Government for the purpose during the said period?

Disparity among States

2947. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per a survey published in the Economic and Political Weekly, the disparity among States is growing during the last 10 to 15 years;

(b) whether it means that 'development clusters' remain within the top 5-6 States;

(c) whether it makes imbalance in the growth story of the country and takes many more decades for inclusive growth; and

(d) if so, how Government is planning to address this problem?

Funds for SETU scheme

2948. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Inclusive Innovation Fund was replaced by Self-Employment and Talent Utilization (SETU) and Atal Innovation Mission;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that no money was allocated for SETU scheme inspite of budget proposals of 1,000 crore to catalyse the entrepreneurship ecosystem and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any other scheme is also running to achieve the same objectives and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and spent?

Discontinuation of special category status

2949. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to discontinue the support as special category status to entire North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the decision of NITI Aayog thereon;

(c) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes under 90:10 funding ratio proposed for those States, during the last five years; and

(d) the present status of those schemes?

Achievement of SDGs

2950. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set forth by the UN;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any progress has been made on the goals and targets of SDGs, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Parameters of poverty

†2951. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by NITI Aayog to determine the parameters of poverty during the last three years and its present decision thereon; and

(b) the details of poor population in the country, as on date, as per old parameters and the schemes being run for them and the extent to which these schemes have been helping them?

Indo-Bangladesh agreement on coal fired project

2952. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement for joint coal fired power plant has been signed between India and Bangladesh that would mark the transition from electricity export to generation level;

(b) whether Government would provide financial assistance in setting up this joint venture in Bangladesh and if so, upto what extent; and

(c) by when the project is likely to start generating power?

Share of Uttarakhand in power projects

†2953. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in case of harnessing the States resources at National level, a certain portion of the production is given to the concerned State for its development and if so, the percentage thereof;

(b) whether the share of Uttarakhand in power generated by power projects established in the State is being given regularly to it; and

(c) if so, the total power generation by the power projects located in the State during the financial years 2012-13 to 2015-16 and the share of it received by the State?

Implementation of Decentralized Distributed Generation scheme

2954. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for rural

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electrification during the last five years, State-wise up to budget 2016-17;

(b) the funds allocated for Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) scheme during the above period, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) how many villages have been covered, so far, under DDG scheme, State-wise; and

(d) whether steps are being taken to promote DDG scheme for rural electrification and if so, policy announcements made in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Energy conserving standards for industrial process

2955. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated energy conserving standards for industrial processes and plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the programmes launched by Government in this regard had set a very modest target *vis-à-vis* actual energy consumption;

(c) the details of incentives given to industries in this respect;

(d) whether most of the CPSUs have not participated in such programmes or have adopted such techniques only in peripheral operations instead of core processes; and

(e) if so, what further steps are being taken in this regard?

Proposals under DDUGJY from Uttar Pradesh

2956. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide '24 X 7 Power for All' under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Uttar Pradesh Government has submitted proposals under DDUGJY and if so, the details thereof and the amount approved and released so far; and

(d) whether the State Government has requested to release certain amount under the scheme immediately and if so, the details thereof; and Government's reaction thereto?

Effect of rise in renewable energy generation on thermal power plants

2957. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether thermal power plants are operating just above 50 per cent of their capacities triggering a debate within the industry on whether the country really needs planned addition of 175 gigawatts of renewable energy;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the warning issued by experts that any further surge in renewable energy capacity would stress thermal power plants and erode their margins; and

(c) whether according to global norms, countries with high renewable energy generation capacity have thermal power facilities operating at lower levels with PLF coming down at around 60 per cent?

Connections under DDUGJY in Rajasthan

†2958. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts included under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in Rajasthan;

(b) whether connections have been provided in villages and "Dhanis" under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the number of connections provided, so far, and by when the remaining connections would be provided?

Projects of NEEPCO

2959. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of completed and ongoing power plants or projects under the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) along with the installed capacity of each plant/project;

(b) the details of power plants which are operational under ownership basis;

(c) the details of ongoing projects either under ownership or joint venture basis; and

(d) the details of future projects either under ownership or joint venture basis?

Implementation of DDUGJY

2960. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) is not being implemented at the ground level properly and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether DDUGJY is suffering from lack of sufficient funds for its implementation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for release of sufficient funds for the scheme for its proper implementation?

Coverage of electricity

2961. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today the electricity has not reached to 33 per cent population in India;

(b) if so, the details of population still deprived of electricity connections, state-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government to bridge this gap?

Quality of LED bulbs distributed under UJALA

2962. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of LED bulbs distributed in the country under UJALA scheme, particularly in Tamil Nadu, State-wise; and

(b) the details of checks done by Government to ensure adherence to the quality specifications of LED bulbs that are being distributed?

Performance of UDAY

2963. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UDAY scheme aimed at revival of power distribution companies has shown any positive effect on the performance of distribution companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of estimated targets and results achieved, so far, State-wise?

National Smart Grid Mission

2964. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM) in planning and monitoring the implementation of policies and programmes about Smart Grid in the country;

(b) the status report of Smart Grid projects at Amravati, Andhra Pradesh and UT of Chandigarh;

(c) whether there is a demand from other States for launching Smart Grid projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the Smart Grid network in the country would be achieved?

Implementation of action plan to manage energy resources

2965. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to implement the 11 point action plan recommended by the Group of Secretaries to manage India's

energy resources through energy conservation and efficiency;

(b) whether any action plan to implement the recommendations has been finalised in consultation with the Niti Aayog and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total energy that is likely to be conserved during the next three years?

Representation of Rajasthan in BBMB

2966. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter regarding making the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) Secretariat suitably represented by all States had been decided in its 122nd meeting held on 26th July, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *i.e.* list of whole time Members, Secretaries, Special Secretaries, etc.;

(c) why Rajasthan, even though being main partner, has not been given due representation as decided in the above meeting; and

(d) whether Government would immediately direct BBMB to act as per the decision taken in the above meeting?

Fixing of electricity tariffs

†2967. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the power companies create pressure on Government to hike electricity tariffs by making various kinds of manipulations in tariffs due to which consumers are getting electricity at an expensive price;

(b) whether it would be appropriate to fix tariffs, keeping in view the interests of consumers, following the recommendations of CAG in this regard; and

(c) the rates at which consumers in Delhi are being provided electricity?

Electrification of villages

†2968. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed by the Ministry to provide electricity to all the villages in the country;

(b) the number of villages to which electricity has been provided under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana during the last three years;

(c) when this scheme was started and what were the targets fixed and whether the Ministry is succeeding in achieving those targets; and

(d) the amount spent under this scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

Regulation of taxi aggregators

2969. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether taxi aggregators have been operating in a grey area as the Motor Vehicles Act does not cover ride sharing services, allowing them to run without licences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring all app-based taxi hailing services under the regulatory network that would allow State Governments to fix fare cap and check arbitrary charging;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the regulatory framework is likely to be put in place?

Replacement of old vehicles

2970. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of buses and trucks which are over fifteen years old, at present;

(b) whether Government has chalked out any plan to replace these vehicles with new ones and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to make scrapping of pre-Bharat Stage vehicles mandatory instead of voluntary?

Issue of PUC certificates for vehicles

2971. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of agencies/authorities authorised to issue Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificates for vehicles;

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(b) the number of such bodies, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(c) the normal period laid down for issuance of PUC certificates by authorised centres along with the amount of penalty provided for non-compliant vehicles;

(d) whether several instances of pollution checking centres being inadequately equipped and vehicles not compliant to PUC norms have been reported; and

(e) if so, the corrective action taken by Government in this regard?

Allocation of funds under Inter-State Connectivity scheme

2972. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for allocation of funds to States/UTs for development of roads and bridges under the Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) scheme;

(b) the details of proposals received and approved under the scheme during the last three years and the current year in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released to the State for the purpose during the said period; and

(d) the current status of those projects, project-wise?

Committee on taxis and taxi aggregators

2973. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up a committee to look at certain issues related to taxis and taxi aggregators;

(b) if so, what were the terms of reference of the Committee and by when the report is likely to be submitted;

(c) whether the Committee has been formed in response to a Delhi High Court order on surge pricing by app-based aggregators and other taxi service providers; and

(d) if so, why the Committee is also looking into permits given to yellow/black taxis and radio taxis?

Delay in issue of driving licences

2974. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether last year there was a shortage of 22 per cent drivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether unnecessary delays in the issuance of transport licences is one of the many reasons behind shortage of drivers in the country; and

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

Mandatory declaration of emission level of vehicles

2975. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for vehicle manufacturers to give a detailed declaration about the emission level of vehicles from April, 2017 onwards;

(b) whether the above guidelines would be applicable to all vehicles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure on six laning projects

2976. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about two dozen projects of six laning would require an expenditure of at least ₹ 2.5 lakh crore which would be mobilized through a mix of 100 per cent Government funding or through public private partnerships;

(b) whether a proposal has been prepared to improve the average speed of vehicles, particularly those transporting cargo;

(c) whether some of the identified corridors are already under expansion and have also been included in the Bharatmala scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cars without insurance cover

2977. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40 per cent cars plying on Indian roads do not have insurance cover;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to impose a hefty fine of ₹ 2,000 to ₹ 4,000 for non-compliance of mandatory provisions of third party insurance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Goa-Mumbai four lane concrete highway

2978. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:
SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct four lane cement/concrete highway connecting Mumbai and Goa;

(b) if so, the details in this regard including the length and the estimated cost of the project;

(c) the extent of work completed, so far, if any;

(d) by when the project would be completed;

(e) the number of bridges that would be built on this highway; and

(f) how it would be different from the existing/ongoing project which has been delayed for quite a long time?

Construction of NHs in Bihar

†2979. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in construction of highways announced by the Prime Minister during the elections of Bihar Legislative Assembly;

(b) whether the Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone for construction of Buxar-Patna road in Ara and had also announced construction of a bridge at Koelwar; and

(c) if so, the status of progress made, so far, in constructing this stretch of the road?

Green Highways

†2980. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any plan to convert 6000 km. long National

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Highways into Green Highway by the end of this year and if so, the total length of road, in kilometres targeted for plantation in the first phase of this plan;

(b) the total length of road, in kilometres, connected in first phase in Maharashtra thereunder; and

(c) the details of establishments with which Government has entered into agreements under PPP mode for making the National Green Highway Mission successful?

(a) the number and details of road development works that have been approved from the Central Road Fund (CRF) in Uttar Pradesh during 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) the funds approved by the Central Government for undertaking those works;

(c) whether a minimum of ₹ 1000 crore is requested by the State Government during this financial year; and

(d) whether Government proposes to approve and release the same and if so, the details thereof?

Gramin Seva in Delhi

†2981. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to control the large number of 'Gramin Seva' vehicles plying in Okhla area due to which there is always a traffic jam in that area;

(b) whether a limit has been set for use of these vehicles like petrol and diesel vehicles;

(c) the details of provisions to check the 'Gramin Seva' vehicles being operated illegally; and

(d) whether plying of these vehicles, which are in poor condition and are still being used putting the lives of passengers in danger could be stopped and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Uttar Pradesh under CRF

2982. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

Delhi-Katra expressway

2983. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expressway is being constructed from Delhi to Katra, Vaishnodevi; and

(b) if so, how much amount has been earmarked during the current year and by when the work on the said project would be started?

Making public transport disabled friendly

2984. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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

(a) whether Government has received any representations to make public transport disabled friendly;

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(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any move to make driving licence norms easier for disabled persons and if so, the details thereof?

Road projects under PPP mode

2985. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of road projects under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) pattern being implemented in the country, State-wise including Haryana;

(b) the details of total cost of these projects along with the land acquired for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) the average length, in kilometres of National Highways constructed under PPP mode;

(d) whether Government has received complaints regarding the selection criteria of companies for PPP projects and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Funds for National Highways in Rajasthan

†2986. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned during the last three years for National Highways in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the work on National Highways has been started as per the sanctioned amount; and

(c) if so, the name of roads for which the work has been started and for which the work is yet to be started and by when the work on those roads would be started?

Six laning projects

2987. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to expedite the ongoing six laning projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any special component scheme to provide support to States for maintenance of National Highways, repairing of potholes and provision of toilets along National Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the financial assistance from both private and public sector companies as well as from external funding agencies and international organisations to improve National Highways in the country?

Plantation along roads

2988. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads where tree plantation would be undertaken and where such plantation would be undertaken by NGOs and firms;

(b) the details of average cost of each tree planted and average cost of its maintenance; and

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(c) the details of seasons when it would be planted?

Implementation of six lane projects by NHAI

2989. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to empower the board of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to take decisions for implementation of six lane projects on the lines of Golden Quadrilateral Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the projects proposed to be implemented by NHAI would connect areas of economic importance such as ports and manufacturing hubs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Road construction by NHAI

†2990. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NHAI has not been able to achieve even 50 per cent of its daily road construction target;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of daily road construction target fixed during the last two years and the extent to which it was achieved?

Unsafe transportation of school children

†2991. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that unsafe modes of transport are being used for ferrying school children risking their lives;

(b) the number of accidents due to such vehicles reported in Delhi during the last year;

(c) the steps taken for safety of children including action taken against such vehicles and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of cases of hit-and-run reported in Delhi during the last three years and the action taken in this regard?

Security of women in public road transport

2992. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how ₹ 50 crore is being spent on the pilot project "Security for Women in Public Road Transport in the country"; and

(b) what new provisions are being added to make public transport safer for women?

Payment of compensation to farmers for Varanasi-Lucknow NH-56

†2993. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the payment of compensation for land acquired from farmers for four laning of National Highway no. 56 between Varanasi and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh is being made as per the Right

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to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013;

(b) the number of complaints/ applications received from farmers, including those from district Sultanpur, regarding irregularities in payment of compensation, as per the provision of arbitration under the Act;

(c) the details of action taken on these complaints, so far, case-wise; and

(d) the action taken against guilty officers/employees in this matter?

Construction of UER-II

†2994. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Urban Extension Road II (UER-II) that is proposed to be built from Rohini-Mahipalpur to Faridabad connecting Delhi-Chandigarh highway is incomplete for a long time;

(b) whether making of this highway would facilitate the people of outer Delhi in going to Gurgaon and Faridabad and also reduce congestion and pollution in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the reasons for halting the construction work of UER-II, till date and by when it is proposed to be completed?

Guidelines for collection of toll

2995. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distance between two adjacent toll plazas on a stretch of any National Highway in the same direction should not be less than 60 km. and if so, the

details regarding the guidelines of National Highway Authority of India in this regard;

(b) the details of toll plazas across the country where these guidelines are being violated;

(c) the details regarding the formula for calculation of toll rate card across the country along with the principles followed; and

(d) the details regarding the formula to ascertain the timeline for collection of toll on a road/highway?

Delhi-Jaipur expressway

2996. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) why Government is not giving top priority for construction of the expressway between Delhi and Jaipur;

(b) whether Government would expedite the preparation of detailed project report for the expressway and commence work on the ground on fast-track basis; and

(c) if so, by when?

Scheme for modern infrastructure in rural areas

2997. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched or proposes to launch any comprehensive scheme for building modern infrastructure in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of Government's plans to provide better facilities in rural areas?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Projects under IWMP

2998. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects completed under Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) the details of projects under IWMP which have been delayed, State-wise and the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether Government plans to sanction new projects under IWMP; and

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

Maintenance of PMGSY roads

2999. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has urged the States to take effective steps for proper maintenance of roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and if so, the details thereof along with the details of such States/UTs;

(b) whether Government is considering to adopt new technologies for construction of all-weather roads in rural areas of the country including Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard, so far?

Funding of schemes transferred to States

3000. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development schemes that have been transferred from Centre to States during the last two years ending March 31, 2016;

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

(c) if so, the details of fund allocated during the above period, State-wise; and

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

Targets under PMGSY

†3001. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads, in kilometers, targeted to be constructed per day under PMGSY and the length of roads, in kilometers, targeted to be constructed during the current financial year, along with the length of roads, in kilometers, constructed till October; and

(b) the length of roads, in kilometers, constructed under PMGSY in Maharashtra during the last three years, district-wise?

Villages connected with roads

†3002. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of villages connected and not connected with pucca roads, State-wise along with the development programme to connect all villages with pucca roads, year-wise and by when the target to connect all the villages with pucca roads would be achieved?

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Disabled persons under NRLM

3003. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether disabled persons have not been covered under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) during 2015-16 in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of beneficiaries since 2012, year-wise and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Scrapping of Section 24(2) of RFCTLARR Act

3004. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Monitoring Committee has recommended the scrapping of Section 24(2) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any specific representations have been received during 2015 and 2016 for specific application of that Section of RFCTLARR Act; and

(d) if so, the details of such applications or petitions received from Andhra Pradesh to help evicted farmers and tribals under that section of the RFCTLARR Act?

Progress of PMGSY

3005. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of progress, including the length of road constructed and funds

allocated, during the last three years and the current year under various phases of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the targets set under the scheme have been achieved; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the targets set for the coming three years?

Agricultural land acquired by private agencies in Punjab

3006. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural land acquired by private agencies in Punjab during the last three years and the current year, district-wise;

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of compensation offered to farmers in this regard?

Improvement in NIRD and SIRDs

3007. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to improve and extend the activities of NIRD and SIRDs in training, research, consultancy and information dissemination in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any special component scheme to provide support to States to reach out to all villages and Panchayats;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the financial assistance provided for development of NIRD and SIRDs by both private and public sector companies, external funding agencies and international organisations?

Reforms in MGNREGA

3008. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced some key reforms in implementation mechanism and guidelines for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) after June, 2014; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and their impact?

Functioning of SAGY

3009. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is not functioning in many States in the manner it was envisaged;

(b) if so, the details of States where SAGY has not yet taken off and the funds allocated by each MP therefor; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to keep it moving and to develop villages across the country?

Programmes/policies for welfare of rural people

†3010. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes/policies drawn up to improve the living standards and economic welfare of rural people;

(b) the details of measures taken to reduce poverty and unemployment, to improve health and educational conditions and to fulfil basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing of rural population;

(c) the details of action taken to give wide publicity to Government's programmes/policies among rural masses; and

(d) whether Government has taken note of the people of Bihar and Jharkhand living below poverty line?

Changes in RFCTLARR Act

3011. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring changes in the recently enacted the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act; and

(b) if so, the details of such amendments?

Compensation paid for delayed payments to MGNREGA workers

†3012. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in case of delay for more than 15 days in payment of wages to MGNREGA workers, a compensation at

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the rate of 0.05 per cent per day for the delay period is payable;

(b) if so, the names of such States, including Uttar Pradesh and Assam, which have not paid the compensation for the delayed period, violating the rules during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the action taken against such States?

Houses constructed under PMAY-G

3013. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in all States including Tamil Nadu since the inception of scheme;

(b) the details of amount earmarked for this purpose, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of amount allocated to each State, year-wise?

Rectification of lapses in social audit under MGNREGA

3014. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of CAG to address lapses in the current social audit mechanism of MGNREGA have been addressed by Government; and

(b) if so, the details of concrete steps taken in this regard?

Implementation of PMGSY in Maharashtra and West Bengal

3015. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(b) whether the special relaxation in norms for some States have come into force;

(c) if so, whether the relaxed norms have increased the pace of implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation to States under DAY-NRLM

3016. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for allocation to States under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) for support to livelihood programmes;

(b) whether, at present, the grant is being allocated randomly in the absence of any specific rational principle;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry is planning to make it more rational by linking it to percentage of number of poor and population of a State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Shipbuilding companies

3017. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Indian companies that are into shipbuilding within India;

(b) how many of them are into

collaboration with foreign shipbuilding companies; and

(c) what are the facilities and the benefits that Government is providing in order to encourage shipbuilding within the country?

(d) the revenue sharing methodology with Government; and

(e) the estimated revenue Government intends to earn through such leasing of port land?

Restructuring of CWC

3020. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: 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 subsume the Central Water Commission (CWC) into a new organisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposed organisation would be a science led agency to advise the States on how much water they could use without affecting rivers and ground water, taking surface and ground water usage as a single entity; and

(c) whether there were complaints from the States that CWC and the Central Ground Water Board suffer from lack of professionals?

Solarisation of lighthouses

3018. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all lighthouses across the country would get solarised by this year end and help saving 600 kg carbon foot print per day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that till now 176 lighthouses have been fully solarised;

(d) whether Government has prepared a roadmap for developing areas adjoining lighthouses with such solarisation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Leasing of lands to private companies by port trusts

3019. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to allow port trusts to lease land to private companies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total area of land that currently remains unused at ports;

(c) the procedure by which the land would be leased to private companies and the activities for which the land would be leased;

Depletion of ground water

3021. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any policy initiatives to tackle the problem of depleting ground water resources;

(b) if so, the details of such policies and schemes; and

(c) the budgetary allocation and utilisation for research pertaining to ground water during the last three years and the current year?

Removal of silt from river Ganga

‡3022. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main reason for floods in the low lying areas of Ganga is the continuous silting which causes low depth in the river;

(b) if so, whether Government has formed any task force for removal of silt from the river and to study the other matters related thereto; and

(c) the details thereof and the efforts made, so far, by Government on the basis of study made by the task force for cleaning of the river Ganga?

Plantation on banks of river Ganga

‡3023. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to launch a campaign for planting trees along the river Ganga;

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

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

Status of hydroelectric projects in tributaries of Ganga

3024. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of hydroelectric projects in tributaries of Ganga in Uttarakhand;

(b) to what extent these are completed and if not completed, by when these would be completed;

(c) whether these projects are feasible for the protection of Ganga and its dependents in that State; and

(d) on the basis of experience of 2013 floods, what projects are envisaged to prevent such calamity?

Averting water crisis

3025. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India would be classified as severely water stressed by about 2025 if the current pattern of water usage remains unchanged; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to avert the coming water crisis particularly in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu, which have large water deficient tracts?

Allocation of funds for schemes in Rajasthan

3026. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal from Public Health Engineering and Ground Water Department, Rajasthan Government in February, 2015

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for approval and allocation of funds for Study for rejuvenation of Sarasvati Palaeo drainage and exploration of ground water resources in western Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of implementation of PMKSY

3027. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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

(b) the number of States who have submitted their district and State level action plans; and

(c) what is the funding of the scheme, State-wise?

Assistance to Telangana under PMKSY

3028. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telangana Government has requested the Ministry for release of funds under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision on such request and if so, the details thereof?

Cleaning of Ganga

3029. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 420 million people rely on Ganga river for food, water, bathing and agriculture and that tens of millions of pilgrims who venture to India's most holy river each year to bath and worship but that river is presently almost 2,000 times more polluted over the limit suggested by WHO as safe; and

(b) if so, the details of safe limit suggested by WHO and the present condition of river in respect thereof and the time-frame suggested by Government to improve the same?

Rain water harvesting and ground water recharging in Chhattisgarh

†3030. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing schemes for rain water harvesting and ground water recharging with the help of Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of NGOs of the country including Chhattisgarh that were allocated funds during the last three years and the current year and the details thereof and the total amount of funds utilised by them, NGO-wise; and

(c) whether Government has assessed the progress of the above schemes and if so, the details of findings thereof?

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Zero discharge policy from STPs into Ganga

3031. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress and the time-frame envisaged to achieve a 'zero discharge' policy into river Ganga;

(b) whether the measures have been taken, if any, to prevent leakage and disposal of solid waste from STPs (Sewage Treatment Plants) into the river;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Discharge of untreated water into Ganga from tanneries in Kanpur

†3032. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to prevent the discharge of untreated water into Ganga from the tannery units of Kanpur under the cleanliness campaign of Ganga;

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

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

Cleaning of river Ganga

3033. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in cleaning river Ganga till date, State-wise along with the details of total funds allocated and utilized, till date, State-wise after signing deals for its cleaning with Germany;

(b) the details of total funds allocated, released and utilized till date on cleaning of various rivers during the last two years and the current year upto 30th November, 2016, river-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the percentage of cleaning work completed as on date, river-wise?

Assistance to States under AIBP

3034. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE:

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

(a) whether Government has released the first instalment of Central assistance for certain prioritized irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, the details of such projects, State-wise, including Rajasthan and Maharashtra; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure time bound completion of work on all these prioritized irrigation projects?

Plan for de-siltation/dredging

3035. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for de-siltation/dredging of all major rivers on regular basis across the country;

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

(c) the remedial measures taken by Government to have a National Policy on Silt Management in order to prevent recurring floods due to large scale erosion and siltation in all the rivers across the country?

Namami Gange Programme

3036. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes under Namami Gange Programme (NGP) along with the money involved and the proposed timeline, category-wise;

(b) whether the water quality monitoring is being done on Ganga at 57 locations and if so, the details regarding the quality of water prior and later to the enforcement of NGP; and

(c) the details of foreign companies involved in cleaning-up of the river along with their expertise areas and their involvement in this project along with the details of fee/charges agreed upon with timeline?

Cleaning of Yamuna

3037. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:
SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY:

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

(a) what steps are taken by Government to clean river Yamuna;

(b) what are the funds allocated during the last three years to clean the river, year-wise; and

(c) whether there is any timeline by which Government plans to clean the river?

Irrigation projects under AIBP

3038. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the details and the status of irrigation projects taken up under AIBP in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab;

(b) the amount disbursed for each project during the last two years for these States; and

(c) by what time, each project is going to be completed, including the national project Polavaram, with details thereof?

Status of PMKSY

3039. DR. C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in Bihar;

(b) what measures have been taken to realize Prime Minister's dream 'Har Khet Ko Pani'; and

(c) whether farmers would receive financial assistance under this scheme to make their fields fertile?

**Representation against Polavaram
Project Authority**

3040. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations in November, 2016 from Pydipaka dalit organizations (Nerudu

Abdulu, Kavala and others) complaining that they have been socially isolated and ostracized by Polavaram Project Authority at Polavaram dam;

(b) if so, what are the details of this petition; and

(c) what steps are taken to talk to dalit leaders and the action taken against the officers responsible for creating social ostracism against dalits in Pydipaka?

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