

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, December 21, 2015/Agrahayana 30, 1937 (Saka)*

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**(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forests and  
Climate Change; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Planning;  
Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development;  
Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and  
Ganga Rejuvenation)**

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Plantation drive to prevent soil erosion in coal mines**

2401. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether plantation drives are proposed to be launched to control air pollution and prevent soil erosion in coal mines and its surrounding areas in the country; and

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

#### **Investigation of over valuation of coal import**

2402. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has investigated a scam of over valuation of coal imports during the period from 2011 to 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this period; and

(c) the details of coal imported during the aforementioned period, cost, category and country-wise?

#### **Mining operations in auctioned coal blocks**

2403. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal blocks which have been auctioned by Government; and

(b) the details of coal blocks, out of those, which have gone into mining operations?

#### **Synergy between power and coal sectors**

2404. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of coal imported during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures/plans to undertake measures to reduce the shortage of coal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure synergy between the power and the coal sectors?

**Scheduled castes and scheduled tribes staff in the Ministry**

2405. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sanctioned staff strength in the Ministry, group-wise; and

(b) the number of jobs earmarked for scheduled caste/scheduled tribe categories out of the total strength, as per Government's reservation policy?

**Termination of fuel supply agreements of unregulated sectors**

2406. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inter Ministerial Panel of the Ministry has recommended against the proposed termination of fuel supply agreements of unregulated sectors of steel, cement, sponge iron and fertiliser;

(b) if so, the response of Government to the recommendation; and

(c) the steps proposed to ensure uninterrupted fuel supply to the industry requiring access to fuel for production?

**Illegal coal mining in Dhanbad**

2407. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is rampant illegal coal mining and coal theft taking place in Dhanbad, district of Jharkhand;

(b) what is the estimated loss by way of royalty to the State Government due to such illegal mining and theft each year; and

(c) what steps are being taken to curb such menace?

**Indigenous production of coal**

2408. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of coal has increased during 2014-15;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with the trend during the last ten years;

(c) whether this would impose extra burden on coal users; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce import and to increase indigenous production of coal?

**Precautionary measures to check unscientific coal mining**

2409. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed that a vast area in many parts of the country has become very dangerous due to unscientific coal mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of accidents that happened in various mines;

(c) whether Government has taken any precautionary measures to check the unscientific coal mining; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds for coal sector**

2410. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked for coal sector during the current year;

(b) the amount made available as investment by the Central Government and by way of foreign assistance in this sector, so far, separately; and

(c) the target fixed in regard to coal production during the current year and the extent to which the target has been achieved, so far?

#### **Scrapping of coal linkage policy for PSUs**

2411. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to scrap the coal linkage policy for PSUs of the country;

(b) if so, the details of committee report thereon, if any; and

(c) the details of other proposals to support the PSUs?

#### **Colliform bacteria in underground water of Kerala**

2412. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in most dug wells in rural areas of Kerala

colliform bacteria is present in excess of permissible level;

(b) whether Government would adopt a different strategy for the Swachh Bharat Mission since this is attributed to presence of safety latrines in the vicinity of wells; and

(c) whether Government would adopt a sanitation process in which such bacteria would be eliminated before water from it gets mixed with other sources of water?

#### **Providing safe drinking water to villages**

2413. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country and how many of them do not have pure drinking water facility;

(b) how many villages in the country are affected with high arsenic levels in drinking water;

(c) whether the presence of more than 0.05 milligrams of arsenic in one litre of water affects the cardio vascular system in children apart from causing skin irritation and posing the risk of lung cancer; and

(d) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken to provide pure and safe drinking water to all the villages?

#### **Safe drinking water to villages**

2414. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country which do not have drinking water facilities, State-wise;

(b) what steps Government proposes to take to provide the same to all such villages; and

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-limit therefor?

**Setting up of national level  
Sanitation Research  
Centres in States**

2415. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to set up any national level Sanitation Research Centres in States including West Bengal, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has consulted the State Governments of above States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the work on the said centres is likely to be started?

**Drinking water and sanitation  
projects**

†2416. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

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

(b) the details of approved, unapproved and under consideration projects related to the Ministry;

(c) the reasons for unapproval and delay in these projects; and

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

**Discontinuing Nirmal Gram  
Purashkar for hygiene in villages**

2417. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to discontinue the Nirmal Gram Purashkar which was meant to felicitate panchayats that do better in maintaining hygiene in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision was taken after reviewing the efficacy of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Awareness programme under SBM**

2418. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken informational programmes to spread awareness under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has allocated/plans to allocate a percentage of Swachh Bharat Kosh towards campaigns for behavioural changes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) whether Government has made provisions to ensure meetings between residents, masons and district administrative personnel to disseminate information regarding technology of toilet construction and maintenance of the same and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Drinking water schemes in Pauri Garhwal**

2419. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centrally Sponsored drinking water schemes in Pauri Garhwal of Uttarakhand;

(b) the details of such schemes, block-wise and the number of villages which are deprived of the scheme;

(c) the time by which the villages falling in the ambit of Kaljikhil block would get drinking water under the scheme;

(d) whether villages Olna, Alasu and the surrounding villages of Kaljikhil block have been included under any drinking water scheme;

(e) the time by which drinking water would be made available to those villages; and

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

**Providing safe drinking water to people**

2420. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of action taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government, in coordination with State

Governments, to provide safe drinking water to the people in the country; and

(b) whether Government has initiated/ issued directives or advisory to State Governments for creating strategic water reservoirs and for protecting natural resources of drinking water?

**Implementation of drinking water and sanitation schemes**

2421. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drinking water and sanitation schemes being implemented, funds earmarked, released and utilised thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made under these schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise?

**Implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission**

2422. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Swachh Bharat Mission *i.e.* how far it has been implemented successfully;

(b) what is the status of most backward regions of Odisha, Bihar and North Eastern States in this project;

(c) whether Government has been granting funds to different States to achieve the objectives; and

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

along with the funds that have, so far, been provided to them during the last two years?

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

#### **Open defecation**

2423. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per a survey of the National Sample Organisation, a large part of the population in rural and urban areas defecate in the open in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, urban/rural area-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of toilets constructed till date since the launch of the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan(NBA) and Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), area-wise, State-wise and programme-wise;

(d) the funds allocated/released and utilised under these programmes during each of the last three and the current year, area-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(e) the number of districts in each State/UT declared open defecation free under SBM till date?

#### **Violation of coastal zone management rules**

2424. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and spent for coastal zone management during the last year and the current financial year, so far, year-wise;

(b) whether violations of coastal zone management rules are not being monitored or checked; and

#### **Cutting of emission intensity**

2425. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has committed to cut the emission intensity of GDP by 33-35 per cent by 2030 from 2005 level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India sets an ambitious target of a low carbon future with the help of clean technologies; and

(d) whether India aims to mobilize domestic and global funds to implement its mitigation actions?

#### **Proposal for revival of Bellandur Lake**

2426. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for approval and release of financial aid to revive Bellandur Lake in Bengaluru; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Declaring cigarette butts as toxic waste**

2427. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to declare cigarette butts as toxic waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received a direction from the National Green Tribunal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Air pollution level in cities**

2428. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the current air pollution levels in the top ten polluted cities of the country;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to find out the reasons for the high levels of pollution there and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is an increase in the number of people suffering from respiratory and other related diseases due to pollution in the cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to curb air pollution in these cities and the country as a whole?

#### **Conservation of lakes and other urban water bodies**

2429. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any nationwide annual action plan for cleaning, restoring and conserving lakes and other urban water bodies in the country, especially in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on pollution control measures for urban water bodies in Bengaluru; and

(c) what is the current status of the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems implemented by Government, in Bengaluru?

#### **Urban forestry scheme**

2430. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched an urban forestry scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of cities selected for the purpose, State-wise; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for afforestation of degraded forest lands across the country?

#### **Integrated Coastal Zone Management project**

2431. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Integrated Coastal Zone Management project aimed at livelihood improvement of coastal communities is under implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how the project safeguards the interest of fishing community while at the same time protecting the fragile coastal eco-system?

**Environment conservation schemes/  
projects in Himachal Pradesh**

2432. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/projects being implemented in Himachal Pradesh for conservation and upgradation of environment;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and utilised on the said projects during the last three years and the current year, project-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken for monitoring the implementation of the said projects?

**Environmental pollution  
in Delhi**

†2433. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that environmental pollution has reached a very alarming stage in the National Capital Region of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Green Tribunal has recently given many suggestions by commenting strictly to improve the situation in this context; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether policy measures are being taken, according to those suggestions?

**Conservation of great Indian bustard**

2434. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the great Indian bustard, a magnificent bird of grasslands, is close to extinction in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Gujarat has submitted a species recovery plan of ₹ 187.13 crore for great Indian bustard to the Central Government on the 26th May, 2014; and

(c) if so, by when the aforesaid plan is likely to be approved and financial sanction accorded?

**Impact of climate change summit on  
developing countries**

†2435. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the details of impact of outcome of summit of various nations of the world on climate change held in Paris, on developing countries like India;

(b) whether tendency of developed countries putting pressure on developing countries to cut greenhouse gas emission was witnessed in this summit;

(c) the position of India in terms of greenhouse gas emission *vis-a-vis* other developed nations; and

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(d) the details of decisions taken in this summit on reducing greenhouse gas emission?

**Unseasonal rains and drought due to climate change**

†2436. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) whether climate change has led to unseasonal rain in Tamil Nadu and drought like situation in many parts of the country; and

(b) the details of steps being taken in the direction of curbing climate change and the effects thereof?

**Land title to tribals and other forest dwellers**

2437. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under forests, State-wise;

(b) the land title given to tribals and other forest dwellers under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006;

(c) the number of applications received from tribals and other forest dwellers by the forest departments, State-wise under the Act and the land titles given; and

(d) whether the forest department of the States stopped taking application from tribals and other forest dwellers for availing the forest land titles?

**Effect of climate change on agriculture**

2438. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on effect of climate change on agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to mitigate the impact of climate change on agriculture;

(d) whether agriculture itself is a major contributor to the climate change in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Guidelines for disposal of end-of-life vehicles**

2439. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB) has drafted guidelines for the disposal of end-of-life vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons which necessitated bringing in these guidelines;

(c) whether CPCB has consulted all stakeholders before drafting these guidelines;

(d) if so, the views expressed by them in this regard; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be finalised and implemented?

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**Cultivation of Bt. cotton varieties without adequate field tests**

2440. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee had endorsed cultivation of Bt. cotton varieties without carrying out adequate field tests for resurgence of secondary pests and disease;

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

(c) the total losses incurred by farmers due to whitefly attack on Bt. Cotton crops in various States during the last two years and the current year, so far, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to conduct rigorous tests of all GM seeds before they are sold to farmers?

**Transfer of CAMPA fund**

†2441. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of ₹ 2,800 crore is deposited in the account of Chhattisgarh Government under national adhoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) head and the State Government is being provided only ₹ 150 to 200 crore out of the interest accrued on the above amount;

(b) whether the Central Government would transfer all the amount deposited in

the account of the State to the State Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government would provide power of approval to the steering committee of State CAMPA headed by Chief Secretary and constitute a regular CAMPA in place of adhoc CAMPA?

**Contribution of agriculture sector to green house gas emissions**

2442. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agriculture sector is estimated to contribute 17.6 per cent of green house gas emissions and Government has during the last three years, adopted strategies to hold the sector responsible for climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ahead of UN meet in Paris, India was ready to show-case its climate strategies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Loss of forest cover**

2443. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of forest cover in the country as in 2014 *vis-a-vis* 1947;

(b) the total forest cover lost till date due to industrialisation, infrastructure developments, roads, rail lines, housing and urbanisation;

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(c) whether alternate covered forest areas have been created through plantation, afforestation, community forestry and village forestry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Elimination of fossil fuel subsidies**

2444. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had opposed the proposed move for eliminating fossil fuel subsidies at the G-20 summit; and

(b) if so, the details of the rationale behind it?

#### **Contribution of diesel vehicles to air pollution of Delhi**

2445. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken note of alarming rise in air pollution in recent months in Delhi;

(b) whether any study has been done to ascertain the cause behind such a steep rise in air pollution;

(c) whether it is a fact that the growing numbers of diesel vehicles on NCR roads is a major contributor to this menace; and

(d) if so, the action Government proposes to take to tackle the situation?

#### **Generation of electricity from non-fossil fuels**

2446. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has committed to generate 40 per cent of total electricity from non-fossil fuels to reduce emission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has committed to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Declaration at COP 21**

2447. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any declaration/statement has been adopted at the Conference of Parties to the 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) at Paris;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of stand taken by India in the Conference;

(d) the details of views expressed by Brazil, South Africa, India and China (BASIC) in the statement issued in that context; and

(e) the details of issues addressed at ensuring healthy economic growth rate amid climate change-related challenges and the issue relating to Green Climate Fund initiative?

**Outcome of Paris climate change conference**

2448. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deliberations and outcome of Paris climate change conference, 2015;

(b) the details of measures Government has taken/proposes to take after Paris conference;

(c) whether natural disasters like heavy and untimely rain in Tamil Nadu is outcome of climate change;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action Government would take in this regard?

**Premature mortality due to air pollution**

2449. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:  
SHRI SALIM ANSARI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has the world's second highest rate of premature mortality rate due to outdoor air pollution with Delhi faring the worst among cities the world over;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than 10 lakh premature deaths took place in the country due to outdoor pollution; and

(d) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to improve the air quality to prevent large scale deaths?

**Plastic wastes**

2450. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plastic wastes generated in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the quantum of the said waste which is recycled and treated;

(c) the extent of water pollution, environmental degradation and adverse effects on health caused by plastic wastes;

(d) how many animals/birds have died due to consumption of the said wastes during the last three years;

(e) the steps taken by Government to reduce use of plastics and recycle and treat the wastes rather than dumping it and the details of public awareness programmes thereon; and

(f) whether Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2015 have come into force and if not, by when they would be implemented?

**Dust pollution**

2451. SHRI AHMED PATEL:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that dust pollution is rising menacingly in the National Capital and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to contain dust pollution in the country?

**Compilation of damage due to man-elephant conflict**

2452. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the first time ever, the extent of crop and property damages as well as human casualties due to man-elephant conflict has been compiled;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at least 350 human lives are lost every year due to man-elephant conflict across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Waste water treatment plant in Alappuzha Chandiroor**

2453. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any request for setting up of public waste water management plant in Alappuzha Chandiroor;

(b) if so, what is its status; and

(c) whether it is possible to get the assistance for the project through (ASIDE) scheme?

**Legislation to address ground water pollution**

2454. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

rapid urbanisation and industrialisation is largely to blame for the ground water pollution faced today;

(b) what are the steps Government plans to undertake to rectify this situation; and

(c) whether Government would consider bringing forth a legislation to address the issue of ground water pollution?

**Reduction in carbon intensity of GDP**

2455. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the carbon intensity of its GDP by 33 to 35 per cent;

(b) the commitment made by Government at COP21 in Paris; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the price of alternative energy sources to encourage its use?

**Air quality index for Delhi**

2456. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the air quality index for Delhi during the month of November, 2015 according to the Central Pollution Control Board Air Quality Index Bulletin;

(b) whether it is a fact that the emergency measures such as shutting down of schools and industries temporarily are required to be taken when air quality level reaches "severe zone"; and

(c) the preventive steps prescribed in such a situation?

**Plan to increase forest area**

2457. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether Government has any plan for the protection of environment and to increase the forest area;

(b) if so, the forest area increased by new afforestation;

(c) the details of amount provided for protection of environment and afforestation, State-wise, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of amount allocated and utilized?

**Survey on illegal mines**

†2458. D. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had conducted any survey regarding illegal mines operational in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, when this survey was conducted and the outcome thereof and if not, whether such a survey would be conducted;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any action against any company, association, individual or group for violation of any provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 during the last five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

**New policy initiatives**

2459. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the policy initiatives of the new Government with respect to environment, forests and climate change over those put in place by the previous Government; and

(b) in what respect the former are superior to the later?

**Renewable energy proposals of Karnataka**

2460. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government had submitted four renewable energy proposals involving a total outlay of ₹ 590.67 lakhs, *i.e.* setting up of a centre for media and documentation of renewable energy (₹ 176.55 lakh) one time grant of ₹ 50 lakh for capacity building, training to promote solar energy sector (₹ 188.10 lakh) and awareness training programme (₹ 176.02 lakh);

(b) if so, the present status of these proposals; and

(c) by when, these proposals would be approved?

**MoUs with foreign countries**

2461. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has entered into Memorandum of

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Understandings (MoUs) with various countries in the field of solar energy sector to enhance technical and financial cooperation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof since January, 2015?

#### **Under-utilization of NCEF**

2462. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF), which is created for funding research and innovative projects in clean energy technologies, is severely under-utilized;

(b) whether many projects, recommended for NCEF support in renewable energy sector, are still awaiting allocation; and

(c) if so, the details of amount collected under NCEF and utilized during the last three years?

#### **Agreements with foreign countries for solar technology sharing**

2463. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to increase/improve production of solar energy equipments in the country under Make in India initiative;

(b) if so, the details of schemes/benefits given under the initiative;

(c) whether Government has signed agreements with foreign countries for modern technology sharing in this field and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, how Government plans to improve technology?

#### **Proposals for waste to energy projects from Kerala**

2464. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 862 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 2015 and state the details of proposals received from Kerala Government for setting up projects related to energy generation from wastes during the last three years and the current year?

#### **Projects for promotion of solar power plants**

2465. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are various projects Government has undertaken to promote solar power plants and the optimum utilization of solar power in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government proposes any new projects in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Solar panels on Government buildings**

2466. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install solar panels on the roofs of all Government buildings to tap solar power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would extend financial assistance to Maharashtra and other States and Union Territories for this purpose; and

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

**Allocation from NCEF to coal bearing States**

2467. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cess collected for the National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) from coal bearing States so far, State-wise;

(b) the outgo from NCEF so far, State-wise;

(c) the projects pending for sanction from NCEF, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government would consider allocating a substantial percentage of NCEF to the coal bearing States and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Schemes and programmes for solar energy**

2468. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of schemes for development of solar parks, ultra mega solar power projects and pilot-cum-demonstration projects for development of grid connected Solar PV Power Plants on canal banks and canal tops and Solar Pumping Programme for irrigation and drinking water scheme;

(b) the targets fixed under each of these schemes/programmes during the last two years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the total budgetary allocation made for each of these schemes/programmes during the said period, State/UT-wise?

**Role of RGPSA in empowerment of youth**

2469. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate and the present status of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA);

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilized under RGPSA during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the role of RGPSA in empowerment of youth in Panchayati Raj system?

**Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh**

2470. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that people are ending their lives/committing suicides demanding Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh after bifurcation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of granting special status to the State;

(c) whether NITI Aayog has prepared any road map and submitted its report on the subjects of granting Special Category Status and special package to the State; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?



**Central regulatory authorities**

2471. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) how many Central regulatory authorities are there in the country at present;

(b) what are the judicial and non-judicial powers enjoyed by these authorities; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring forward a law to regulate the regulators to create a uniform national framework for orderly development of infrastructure and protection of consumer interests?

**Reduction of funds under CSS for Bihar**

†2472. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount earmarked for Bihar under several Centrally Sponsored Schemes is being reduced constantly; and

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

**World Bank estimate on poverty line**

2473. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the latest world bank estimate on poverty line according to which India's poverty ratio is only 12.4 per cent for 2011-12, *i.e.* population below poverty line in India is 150.4 million;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this calculation varies widely with the estimate made by the Rangarajan and Tendulkar Expert Groups; and

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

**Achievement of SDGs**

2474. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030;

(b) whether NITI Aayog has started any definite mechanisms to guide, integrate and promote SDGs in Government programmes; and

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

**Complaints against officials of BPSCL**

2475. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received complaints against Member Secretary, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) during the last year and the current year;

(b) whether the Ministry/Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)/Bokaro Power Supply Company Pvt. Ltd. (BPSCL) have received complaints against Company Secretary, Sr. Vigilance Officer and HoD (F&A) of Bokaro Power Supply Company Pvt. Ltd. (BPSCL) during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether all complaints have been

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scrutinized and are being dealt with as per laid down procedures, complaint-wise;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the actions taken by the Ministry in this regard?

#### **Cleaning of Ganga**

2476. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) how much financial assistance has been sanctioned by Government for river Ganga cleanliness project by the 31st October, 2015 since its inception;

(b) how much work of cleaning the river has been completed so far and the amount spent during the said period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the project is far behind the target fixed for it; and

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

#### **Target to provide electricity to all**

†2477. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set the target to connect every house in the country with electricity during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is becoming challenging for Government to achieve the target due to increasing financial crisis of the power distribution companies of the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures being taken by

Government to achieve the target within the time-limit?

#### **Ultra-efficient technologies for coal-fired power plants**

2478. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to adopt advanced ultra-efficient technologies for coal-fired power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits that would accrue by using these technologies;

(c) the present status of development and implementation of the above technologies;

(d) the details of power plants with efficient, super critical technologies that have already been commissioned in the country, particularly in Odisha; and

(e) the details of expenditure incurred/proposed to be incurred on developing the above technologies?

#### **Idle power generation units**

2479. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many power generation units in the country are lying idle or are running below optimal capacity on account of lack of demand;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government for utilisation of idle capacity of such plants?

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**Advertising policy of power PSUs**

2480. SHRI SALIM ANSARI:  
SHRI BALWINDER SINGH  
BHUNDER:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of advertising by various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry;

(b) whether most of PSUs release advertisements to brochures/souvenirs instead of regular monthly/bi-monthly magazines;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of advertisements released to brochures/souvenirs and monthly/bi-monthly magazines with amount paid to each publication during the last six months?

**Procedure for selection of CMD, NTPC**

2481. SHRI SALIM ANSARI:  
SHRI BALWINDER SINGH  
BHUNDER:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to make selection to the post of CMD, NTPC through a search panel instead of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB);

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

(c) what are the qualifications and search procedure being adopted by the search panel and by when it would be completed?

**Electrification of villages**

2482. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan for electrification of all un-electrified villages across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to work out off-grid solutions for electrification of villages located in far flung areas where grid extension is neither feasible nor cost effective?

**Support to States to improve power situation**

2483. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States are to be supported with additional coal at notified prices, coal blocks and low cost power from CPSUs in order to improve their power situation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Green Energy Corridor**

2484. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India has undertaken a comprehensive transmission planning for establishing a Green Energy Corridor to provide adequate evaluation infrastructure for renewable energy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's plans to implement the Green Energy Corridor including physical and financial targets until 2022, year-wise and State-wise?

**Power generation target**

‡2485. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation target, in megawatt, for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) the quantum of power generated, in megawatt, during each year against the set target; and

(c) the power generation target, in megawatt, for the year 2015-16?

**Inter-regional power transmission strengthening schemes**

2486. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of multiple high capacity inter-regional power transmission strengthening schemes in the country;

(b) the progress of Vemagiri II project in Andhra Pradesh to give power in the southern region and Alipurduar project in West Bengal for eastern parts;

(c) the total power capacity that would be available after execution of the project to southern region, State-wise; and

(d) the cost of each project and the schedule of completion?

**Gap between demand and generation of power**

2487. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and generation of power in the country during each of the last two years and this year so far, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to bridge the gap;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up more power plants in the country to tide over the gap between demand and generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Enhancing hydro-electric power generation**

‡2488. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing demand for powers in megawatt in the country;

(b) whether power generation is in accordance with the demand;

(c) if not, whether Government would consider enhancing hydro-electric power generation to meet the shortage of power in States, especially in hilly States;

(d) if so, whether Government has set a target for increasing generation of hydro-electric power; and

(e) if not, how the rising demand for power would be met?

**Providing power at cheaper rates**

‡2489. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sources of energy in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of per kilowatt cost of

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power generation or power purchase being borne by Government/State Governments;

(c) the charges being recovered, per kilowatt, *vis-à-vis* supply of power to consumers in urban/rural areas and whether the consumers have to pay any additional taxes also besides payment of electricity bills;

(d) whether Government has any scheme to provide electricity to all the consumers at cheaper rates; and

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

#### **Hydel power generation capacity**

†2490. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of total power generation capacity of hydel power projects in States, including Maharashtra, as on date; and

(b) the details of hydel power projects approved, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra, during the last and the current Five Year Plans by the Central Government?

#### **Financial restructuring programme for DISCOMS**

2491. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is targeting to eliminate annual financial losses of all DISCOMS from the current level of ₹ 60,000 crore under financial restructuring programme and has also fixed the national Aggregate, Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses at 15 per cent by 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the move is aimed at not only bailing out lenders which have exposure of ₹ 4 lakh crore to DISCOMS but also prevent bad loans and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of States willing to sign this restructuring programme?

#### **Efficient use of power**

2492. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to minimise carbon emission while generating energy, Government would ensure to minimize the wastage of energy due to use of inefficient gadgets, fans, refrigerators, etc.;

(b) whether, for this purpose, Government would advise producers of such gadgets to produce and market only the most efficient gadgets by the 1st January, 2017; and

(c) whether Government has already taken steps in this direction and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Steps to boost demand of power**

2493. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of demand, among other factors, has led to acute distress in the Indian power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to bailout stressed DISCOMS;

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

(e) whether the Central Government has prepared a comprehensive plan to increase the demand of power;

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(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Central Government to increase the demand of power?

#### **Measures to achieve power for all**

‡2494. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the preparations made by the Ministry to fulfil the ambitions target of power for all in the country, as envisaged by the Prime Minister;

(b) the generating capacity of all power stations, thermal, hydro, etc. and the quantum of power being generated by them;

(c) the current demand and supply of power in the country;

(d) whether the announcement of the Prime Minister could be translated into reality with the existing capacity of power stations; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken by the Ministry to address this issue?

#### **Electricity to all households**

2495. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electricity generation in the country is enough to cover all households;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the details of shortage thereof; and

(d) whether Government has any plans or set target and timeline to extend electricity to 100 per cent households in the country and, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh**

‡2496. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are such village still in certain districts of Uttar Pradesh where there is no electricity; and

(b) if so, the details of effective steps taken by Government for electrification of those villages?

#### **Naptha and diesel based power plants**

2497. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power plants using naptha and diesel as feed stock along with their installed capacity and the quantum of power generated by them during each of the last three years and the current year, sector-wise;

(b) the quantum of naptha and diesel consumed in these plants during the said period; and

(c) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited proposes to replace the naptha/diesel with gas in their power plants present in various parts of the country and if so, the details and present status thereof?

#### **Expansion of NTPC project at Ramagundam**

2498. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to expand the NTPC project at Ramagundam

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to help Telangana to overcome its power shortage, as provided in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Hydro power projects in West Bengal**

2499. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many hydro power projects have been proposed and approved in West Bengal;

(b) what are the reasons for delay, if any, in case of each of these; and

(c) what are the targets fixed for operationalising them?

#### **Prime Minister's meeting with DISCOM officials**

2500. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently held a meeting with the officials of power distribution companies to ascertain the status of debts of power utilities and their performance and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of measures being taken by Government to minimise the combined debts of power distribution companies?

#### **Electrification in North-Eastern Region**

†2501. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages are still

deprived of electrification in North-Eastern Region including Assam;

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

(c) Government's plan for electrification of these villages and the time-frame fixed for it; and

(d) whether Government proposes to supply power to Gram Sabhas deprived of electrification through solar energy?

#### **Status of proposal from Karnataka Government**

2502. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has submitted two proposals to the Ministry for release of financial assistance of ₹ 190 crore for strengthening of public transport system and conversion of capital contribution of ₹ 100 crore with interest accrued thereon amounting to ₹ 3.17 crore as equity capital of the Central Government;

(b) the present status of consideration of these requests; and

(c) by when these would be approved?

#### **Wayside amenities on National Highways**

2503. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has floated an ambitious scheme to build wayside amenities on National Highways;

(b) if so, the highlights of the scheme;

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(c) what process would be followed by the Ministry to select vendors for this purpose; and

(d) whether the Ministry proposes to give precedence to/make reservations for local people living near highways, small and medium enterprises, SC/ST/OBC and minority enterprises in awarding contracts for vendors?

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

(d) whether there is an urgent need for completing the above project on time in view of its strategic and economic significance; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government/ NHAI in this regard?

#### **Completion of Vijayawada-Ranchi corridor**

2504. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the targeted time for completion of Vijayawada-Ranchi corridor in Odisha;

(b) whether a tender was received in March, 2015 and two tenders were received in June, 2015 pertaining to NH-326 namely, Tandikona to Amlabhata, Koraput-Laxmipur-Rayagada and Jeypore-Kota-Malkangiri stretches;

(c) by when the tender would be finalized and work would begin; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

#### **Widening of road from Raxaul to Piprakothi**

2505. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NH-28A, which is in a very dilapidated condition, proved to be a hindrance for rescue and relief work for the quake victims in Bihar and Nepal;

(b) whether plans to widen the road from Raxaul to Piprakothi to two-lane has been delayed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

#### **Call centres to help accident victims**

2506. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to set up call centres for helping road accident victims on National Highways so that timely treatment can be given to victims within golden hour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NHAI has complied with this; and

(d) if so, the details of call centre set up on National Highways, State-wise?

#### **Auction of construction of National Highways**

2507. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for auctioning the construction of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the length of National Highways auctioned in Odisha during the last five years;

(c) the total amount generated by such auction from the State; and



(d) what is the time period by which these auctioned stretches are proposed to be completed?

**Compensation for ordering stoppage of toll collection**

2508. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government or district collectors, who issue arbitrary order to stop toll collection or exemption to any category of vehicles on NH stretches, would now have to pay for fiddling with the toll policy;

(b) if so, which are the State Governments that have been asked by NHAI to pay their respective share to the authority so that it would compensate the companies managing the highway stretches; and

(c) whether Maharashtra Government is one of them and if so, the amount it has been asked to pay?

**Status of Gurgaon-Jaipur National Highway**

†2509. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:  
SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Gurgaon-Jaipur National Highway project, which was to be completed in three years, could not be completed even after a lapse of seven years;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is now taking

any concrete steps to complete this important project on NH-8; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the work on the said project would be started?

**Annual revenue generation from toll plazas**

2510. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of toll roads across the country, as on date, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of revenue generated from the toll plazas annually, during each of the last two years and this year, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government has any proposals to do away with the tolls in some stretches of National Highways;

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

(e) the details of agitations held by people against collection of toll?

**Length of four and six lane NH roads**

†2511. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 4-lane National Highways (NH) roads in the country, as on date along with their length, in kilometers;

(b) the length of 6-lane NH roads, in Kilometers;

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(c) the length of 4-lane and 6-lane NH roads in Gujarat; and

(d) the length of 4-lane and 6-lane NH roads targeted for construction during the year 2015-16?

**Approval of projects up to  
₹ 1,000 crore**

2512. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has authorised the Ministry to approve projects upto ₹ 1,000 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also authorised the Ministry to take appropriate steps including compensation to developers where delay in not attributable to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Transportation problem on National  
Highways**

†2513. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether transportation on National Highways are getting badly affected due to habitation of heavily populated small villages, encroachments and increasing commercial constructions along National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to tackle the above problem; and

(d) the success achieved in this regard?

**Coverage of National Highways**

2514. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total length of National Highways (NHs) is only 1.9 per cent of the total road network across the country;

(b) whether Government has fixed any target to increase this to 5 per cent in future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Revamping, development and repairing  
of National Highway in Bihar**

†2515. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent election campaign in Bihar, the Prime Minister has announced to revamp, develop and repair National Highways in the State;

(b) the details of length of such highways along with the expenditure estimated therefor and the time-frame for its completion; and

(c) the details of funds released to the State Government, so far, for construction of highways?

**Funds for repair and maintenance of  
NHs**

2516. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and length of highways passing through West Bengal;

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(b) the details of funds allocated by the Central Government for maintaining and repairing of these highways during the last three years;

(c) whether States are not allocated the required funds to maintain and repair the highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the proportion in which the States are allocated funds as per the Ministry's maintenance norms *vis-a-vis* their demand for funds?

#### **Renewal of fitness certificates**

2517. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a proposal for getting fitness certificate of vehicle renewed from any where in the country irrespective of the place of registration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the uploading of fitness certificate in the portal would make it easier for law enforcing agencies to verify the genuineness with the driver's copy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sanctioning of watershed development and irrigation projects**

2518. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government to decide the order of priority for sanctioning watershed development and irrigation projects across the country;

(b) the number of such projects that have been sanctioned, State-wise; and

(c) the number of projects completed, State-wise?

#### **Grants to Himachal Pradesh under IAY**

2519. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reduced the grants to Himachal Pradesh under the Indira Awaas Yojana(IAY);

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

(c) whether it is a fact that, many beneficiaries in Kangra district have got one installment of ₹ 35,000 and are not getting the second installment for converting their 'kuchcha' houses into 'pucca' which has left the work incomplete due to stalling of the grant; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to address the problem?

#### **Social security measures for people under BPL category**

†2520. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that homeless families, destitutes, beggar families, manual scavengers, primitive tribe groups and released bonded labourers automatically come under BPL category and if so, the population of such people in the country; and

(b) the number of such families out of the above who have been provided with

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education, health care, food, pension and other social security measures by considering them under BPL category?

**Distribution of foodgrains in Maharashtra under Annapurna Scheme**

2521. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of non-delivery of foodgrains allocated for distribution to senior citizens under the Annapurna Scheme in Maharashtra, since March 2014;

(b) the total quantity of foodgrains allocated to that State for distribution under this Scheme, since 2010, year-wise; and

(c) the action being taken or proposed to be taken to investigate the causes of failure of the Public Distribution System to reach the intended beneficiaries?

**Reduction in funds allocated to Bihar under IAY**

†2522. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds allocated to Bihar under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) have been hugely curtailed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Development of desert areas in Rajasthan**

†2523. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of desert land identified in Rajasthan, which is geographically the largest State of the country;

(b) whether there is any scheme proposed for the development of desert land;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in minimum wages under MGNREGA in Odisha**

2524. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of severe drought situation prevailing in Odisha, the Chief Minister has written to the Prime Minister to increase the minimum wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to ₹ 200 per day as against ₹ 174 per day; and

(b) if so, what is the latest development in this regard?

**Inclusion of agriculture related activities under MGNREGA**

†2525. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government proposes to include promotion of animal husbandry, dairy, and organic farming and activities related to registered cowsheds like space for sheltering cows, manger for fodder and water, etc. by State Government into the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Complete rural connectivity through PMGSY**

2526. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to achieve complete rural connectivity through all-weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it would be achieved;

(d) the amount released to each State under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year, so far; and

(e) what percentage of connectivity has been achieved in the country, so far?

**Allocation to West Bengal under IAY**

2527. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and utilized under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) during the last five years in West Bengal, district-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have availed the benefits under IAY during that period in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether widows and citizens from SC/ST categories are given priority under IAY; and

(d) if so, the proportion of such beneficiaries under IAY in the State, district-wise?

**Timely payment of wages under MGNREGA**

2528. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has sought Government's reply on a PIL seeking information regarding prompt and timely payment of wages and compensation to rural workers under MGNREGA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether irregularities in MGNREGA has eroded the entire objective of securing livelihood for people of rural areas and dues payable to them have mounted to ₹ 3100 crore due to failure to provide funds for the work done; and

(d) whether poor implementation of MGNREGA by the Central as well as State Governments has rendered it ineffective and if so, the details thereof?

**Assets created under MGNREGA**

2529. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the last three years and the funds allocated to State Governments thereunder till date, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is concerned about assets generated under MGNREGA, as despite huge money being spent by Government, there is no real solid work done under this scheme, which is really helpful to the people; and

(c) the action taken by Government to punish those responsible for malfunctioning of this scheme till date and how many such cases are under investigation, State-wise?

**Problems faced by States in meeting rising cost of MGNREGA wages**

†2530. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Rajasthan Government and some other State Governments are facing financial constraints in meeting the rising costs of wages under MGNREGA; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**E-transfer of MGNREGA wages**

2531. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for selecting Kerala for implementation of e-transfer of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) wages in the pilot phase beginning in 2016;

(b) how the Ministry intends to e-transfer wages to MGNREGA workers who do not hold any active bank/post-office account; and

(c) whether Government intends to introduce the e-transfer procedure in other States in phases?

**Achievement of targets under PMGSY**

2532. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets set under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been achieved during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise and if not, reasons therefor;

(b) the number of rural habitations which are yet to be covered under the scheme;

(c) the details of targets set and the funds allocated for the Twelfth Five Year Plan under the scheme; and

(d) whether Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Odisha have sought additional funds from the Central Government under PMGSY and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to achieve the targets set under PMGSY?

**Construction of houses under IAY in Assam**

2533. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is a social welfare flagship programme to provide housing for rural poor in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many houses were constructed in Assam, particularly in Udalguri District, during the last five years, year-wise along with the Block/Panchayat/VCDC-wise beneficiaries with family ID number; and

(d) how much funds were utilized in that State, particularly in Udalguri District, during that period, year-wise?

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### **Minority areas under SAGY**

2534. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);
- (b) whether it is a fact that minority areas have been sidelined thereunder; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to correct the anomalies?

### **Interlinking of roads under PMGSY in Pauri, Uttarakhand**

†2535. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the time when Government's approval has been received for interlinking of Badiyun-Jakhnoli-Kunkuli road and Bahedakhali-Alasu-Kunkuli road in Kaljikkhal block, Maniyarsyun, in district Pauri, Uttarakhand under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) the scheme under which the survey for the said roads by PWD has been conducted together with the reasons for not starting the work; and
- (c) the action being taken by Government to link the said roads?

### **Villages connected with roads**

†2536. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in the country which are not connected with roads till date;
- (b) the number of villages which have been connected with road during the last

one year and the total amount spent thereon;

(c) by when Government aims to connect all villages of the country with roads; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent on this work?

### **Institutional framework for Sagarmala project**

2537. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has created any institutional framework for Sagarmala project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of work on the project; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government for early execution of the project as well as ensuring integrated development of ports and efficient evacuation to and from hinterland?

### **Development of Mookkaiyur Fishery Harbour**

2538. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is continuing the effort of developing Fishing Harbour in Mookkaiyur, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu to bring back migrated fishermen to Rameshwaram to settle them in pre 1957 cyclone position; and
- (b) if so, what are the steps taken in co-ordination with State Government to

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modernize the port and equip the fishermen to go for deep sea fishing as part of solution to quarrel between Tamil fishermen and Sri Lankan fishermen?

**Development of inland waterways**

2539. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to develop the inland waterways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of budget allocated, target fixed and achievement made in developing new inland waterways during the last three years, project-wise?

**Development of new sea routes and shipping services**

2540. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to develop and initiate new sea routes and shipping services to various countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has signed agreements with foreign countries to develop and initiate new sea routes and shipping services to those countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of agreements made with countries abroad?

**Congestion at Chennai Port**

2541. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ports which are having congestion problem;

(b) whether Chennai port is facing congestion problem; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve the problem of congestion there?

**Plan for construction of greenfield sea port in Kanyakumari**

2542. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to construct a greenfield sea port in Enayam, Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, why Government is going ahead with this project even though experts say that constructing a port in Enayam is a bad idea, as even a natural fishing harbor is not there;

(c) whether it is a fact that at least 10 fishermen villages near Enayam would have to be vacated for the project; and

(d) whether there is any plan made simultaneously for the rehabilitation of people to be evicted and if so, where and how they would be provided housing facilities?

**Schemes for promotion of inland water transport**

2543. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any schemes to promote inland water transport including cargo;

(b) whether special schemes are mooted for promoting the manufacturing and use of small ships and barges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?



**Change in design of Polavaram project**

2544. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to change the project design after announcing Polavaram as a national project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Diversion of Godavari water by Pattiseema water project**

2545. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pattiseema water project in Andhra Pradesh has not got the approval of NITI Aayog or CWC and it is diverting the Godavari water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to correct the situation?

**Depletion of ground water level**

2546. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN:  
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

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

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Authority has framed new rules to check the growing depletion of ground water level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is every possibility

that this could lead to large scale malpractice with the State Government as the implementing agency;

(d) if so, what mechanism has been devised to check such activities; and

(e) the reaction of industry particularly leather and soft drink industry to the new set of rules?

**Proposal for desiltation of canals in Punjab**

2547. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Central Government to desilt canals in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount asked for, by the State Government for the said purpose and the actual amount sanctioned during the current year?

**Funds for macro irrigation projects in Chhattisgarh**

†2548. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated full funds as central assistance for three major irrigation projects namely Kharang, Maniyari and Kelo and 232 minor irrigation projects being constructed under AIBP in Chhattisgarh and if not, by when the said fund would be allocated;

(b) whether Government would consider to increase the capacity of several irrigation projects in the State; and

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(c) whether Government would approve a number of irrigation projects pending due to forest and environmental clearance soon?

#### **Pollution in Yamuna**

2549. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution level in water of Yamuna river in Delhi is very high resulting in rise of water borne diseases and death thereafter;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to save the river from pollution along with the funds spent thereon during the last two years and the current year;

(c) the details of industries which cause maximum pollution to the rivers in the country; and

(d) the steps taken regarding ban/regulation of these industries by Government during the last two years including the current year?

#### **Pollution of ground water**

†2550. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several millions litres of sewage water coming out of houses, towns and industries merge directly into rivers, ponds, step-wells and rivulets everyday in the country which is polluting not only the river, ponds and rivulets but also contaminating ground

water on a large scale, consumption of which is causing a number of diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any study on pollution of ground water caused by sewage; and

(d) the details of steps being taken by the Ministry to treat the polluted water?

#### **Pending irrigation projects of Himachal Pradesh**

†2551. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects worth one thousand crore rupees from irrigation department of Himachal Pradesh are pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, by when these projects would be cleared by the Ministry;

(c) if not cleared, so far the reasons for the delay; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that despite several meetings of concerned authorities of the State with the Ministry, the outcome has been nil?

#### **Rajasthan's share in Ravi-Beas waters**

†2552. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan holds any share in Ravi-Beas waters;

(b) if so, whether the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has installed

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automatic gauge recorders at agreed locations;

(c) if so, the details of operational gauge recorders; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Inter linking of rivers**

2553. 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 of present status of inter-linking of rivers (ILR) in the country;

(b) what are the projects at hand in various States under phase I and whether DPRs have been completed; and

(c) the total area that would come under irrigation and drinking water supply and the cost of each project?

#### **Revised sanction for Nambiyar and Karumeniyar flood carrier project**

2554. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of actual revised sanction for Nambiyar - Karumeniyar flood carrier project during the current financial year;

(b) the quantum of State and Centre's share in it;

(c) the quantum of expenditure incurred, so far;

(d) whether the Central Government is keen to proceed with this project and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the Central share would be released and in how many phases?

#### **Plan for cleansing of Ganga river**

†2555. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any plan for cleansing the Ganga river from the point of its origin to where it ends;

(b) whether Ganga would be cleaned through Government's framework or some private company;

(c) if so, whether funds for cleansing the river would be mobilized through additional tax; and

(d) the length of Ganga river in each State and the total expenditure likely to be incurred in its cleansing?

#### **Constitution of Cauvery Management Board**

2556. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to constitute Cauvery Management Board according to the Tribunal order; and

(b) if so, what are the time schedule fixed to implement the order and create peaceful situation between the farmers and the States?

#### **Cleaning of River**

†2557. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of rivers including Ganga planned to be cleaned by Government, the river-wise details thereof;

(b) the amount likely to be incurred on this and the amount incurred, so far;

(c) how Government is planning to remove the wastes flowing down into the rivers; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Problem of pollution in rivers of Assam**

2558. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the problem of large scale pollution of Bharalu, Deeper Bill, Burhidihing and Brahmaputra rivers of Assam;

(b) whether Government has examined the pollution level of these rivers by sending a central team to the State;

(c) whether Government is formulating any action plan to tackle the problem of pollution of those rivers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Inter-State Water Disputes pending in Courts**

2559. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Inter-State Water Disputes have been pending in various courts for the final decision;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to ensure that the disputes are resolved in a time bound manner;

(c) whether Government agrees that the amendments made in the year 2002 in the Inter-State River Water Dispute Act, 1956, whereby adjudication of water disputes by the Tribunals was made time bound, have failed to attain the objectives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

**Linking of Betwa and Ken rivers**

2560. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is still unable to complete the linking of Betwa (Uttar Pradesh) and Ken (Madhya Pradesh) rivers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has formulated any revised policy to complete the linking of these rivers in a time bound manner;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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