

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, December 24, 2018/Pausha 3, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;  
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and Broadcasting;  
Mines; Panchayati Raj; Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and  
Highways; Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping;  
Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;  
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

#### De-blacklisting of Agusta Westland

1441. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Agusta Westland and its  
parent company Finmeccanica were  
blacklisted by previous Government after  
reports of VVIP Helicopter Scam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether present Government  
allowed the blacklisted company to  
participate in the bid for Naval Utility  
helicopters; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### Air Force rescue operations during Kerala floods

1442. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister  
of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala  
Government has been asked to pay about  
₹ 34 crore for using the services of small  
planes and helicopters of the Air Force in  
the rescue operation during the recent floods  
in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Status of the 'Ghatak' combat drones

1443. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the  
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ghatak  
project of stealth combat drones with initial  
corpus of ₹ 2650 crore, is years away  
from completion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has fixed any  
target to complete the said project now; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Applicability of Defence Production Policy**

1444. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the procurement and production policy that will be applicable in the purchase of 114 new planes with respect to the determination of eligible Indian Offset Partners;

(b) whether the provisions of the Draft Defence Production Policy, 2018 will apply retrospectively; and

(c) if so, details for the same?

#### **De-blacklisting of Agusta Westland/Finmeccanica**

1445. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2014, the UPA Government initiated proceedings to blacklist Agusta Westland and its parent company, Finmeccanica and both companies were blacklisted;

(b) whether it is a fact that UPA Government also filed a case against Agusta Westland in Milan, Italy and on May 23, 2014, the UPA Government won the case for encashment of international guarantees of Agusta Westland to recover Euro 2,28,00,00,00; and

(c) if so, reason for permitting blacklisted Agusta Westland/Finmeccanica Company to get clearances from Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) and permit its entry as partner or sub-contractor to various Indian corporates?

#### **Performance of DRDO**

1446. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India continues to be the world's largest arms importer due to the abysmal performance of DRDO and its 52 labs, four defence shipyards, five defence PSUs and 41 ordnance factories;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the delegation of more powers to DRDO was intended to neutralise the ill effect of over centralisation and facilitate quicker decision making; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Encouraging students to join NCC**

1447. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) various steps undertaken by Government to motivate and encourage students to join National Cadet Corps (NCC) in schools and colleges; and

(b) details of facilities provided to students to join NCC?

#### **Attracting youth to Armed Forces**

1448. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Armed Forces is facing a shortage of around 9000 officers, despite a concerted drive to attract youth of the country to don the uniform;

(b) whether Government has been able to find out the reason thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is lack of promotion prospects in the Armed Forces; and

(d) if so, whether it is possible to overcome the situation?

#### **Status of DRDO projects**

1449. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over ₹ 2.65 lakh crore worth of products inducted or under process of induction into military are produced or are proposed to be produced by DRDO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most projects were hit by huge time and cost overruns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disbandment of Defence workshops**

1450. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has disbanded any Defence workshop in the past;

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

(c) the present status of EME workshop at Colaba-Mumbai;

(d) whether Government has any plan to disband EME workshop, Colaba, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government had consulted the civil defence employees who are working in this workshop to understand their grievances and opposition to such unilateral movement to disbandment of this workshop?

#### **Violation of labour laws in Arunachal Pradesh by BRO**

1451. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in Arunachal Pradesh has been found to violate various labour welfare laws; and

(b) action taken by the Ministry to book the culprits for violation(s) of provision of the Builder and other Construction Workers Act (BOCW), 1996, Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 pertaining to health, welfare, safety facilities and bonus payable to the workers?

#### **Honeytrapping of Defence personnel**

†1452. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that intelligence agency of Pakistan, ISI, and other foreign agencies are using honeytrap as a tool;

(b) if so, whether soldiers and members of their families are being trapped in this way;

(c) if so, whether it may jeopardise security of the country;

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

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

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**Reduction in strength of Army**

†1453. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army is considering reduction in the strength of the armed forces;

(b) if so, the number of posts of soldiers as well as officers, which are likely to be abolished under the troop reduction and by when it will be implemented; and

(c) whether it will adversely affect the coordination of Army?

**FDI in Defence Sector**

1454. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FDI to the tune of approximately ₹ 1.17 crore has been received in the defence industry sector from April, 2014 to December, 2017; and

(b) the reasons for such low investment in four years despite Government liberalising the FDI policy and abolishing the Foreign Investment Promotion Board?

**Conditions at LAC**

1455. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the troops have been asked to preserve peace while maintaining the sanctity of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between China and India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that four steps have to be followed by the Indian and Chinese side under the 2005 protocol; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Infiltration and violation of ceasefire**

1456. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltration and violation of ceasefire by Pakistan in J&K has increased during the last six months;

(b) if so, number of militants killed and caught during the period and security personnel killed or injured; and

(c) details of action taken by Government to curb or reduce such incidents?

**Accidents of IAF aircrafts**

1457. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAF aircrafts involved in accidents during the last two years;

(b) number of persons who lost their lives in such accidents; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to reduce such accidents which cause monetary loss to the nation?

**Status of Arjun tanks**

1458. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Arjun tanks were sanctioned way back in 1974;

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(b) whether Army has inducted 124 Mark-I Arjun tanks;

(c) whether the Mark-II Arjun tanks with 73 upgrades are yet to be inducted; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay?

**Establishment of Air bases in the State of Andhra Pradesh**

1459. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to develop five air bases in the State of Andhra Pradesh and requested Andhra Pradesh Government for providing suitable land for development of these Air bases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any places have already been identified in the State for this purpose, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) status of the project as on date?

**Medical facilities for retired SSC officers**

1460. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to deny medical facilities to retired Short Service Commission (SSC) officers and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Army has proposed to Government to make SSC more attractive, to bridge widening recruitment gap between officers in permanent commission and SSC;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) details of other steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Women candidates in Defence Sector**

1461. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any programme to attract girls to join Defence Sector;

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

(c) the number of women candidates who have joined defence forces in the last three years?

**Technology transfers through OEMs**

1462. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established long-term strategic partnership with Indian entities in order to tie up global Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to seek technology transfers to set up domestic manufacturing infrastructure and supply chain in Defence Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

**Recruitment of Army Jawans**

1463. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government would consider giving priority to those States, including Jharkhand, in the recruitment of Army Jawans, where unemployment rate is high and youth migrate due to unemployment and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Community water purification plants**

1464. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has commissioned Piped Water Supply Projects and installation of community water purification plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, number of such community water purification plants installed, habitations covered with piped water supply facilities in the country during the last three years, State-wise?

### **Non-functional hand pumps**

1465. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many hand pumps installed through public funds to provide potable water in rural areas of the country, are non-functional;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to provide assistance to the States including Himachal Pradesh to repair the non-functional hand pumps and to install new hand pumps in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has stipulated any time limit for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

### **Open Defecation Free villages**

1466. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Swachh Bharat

Mission (SBM) many villages and cities have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF), if so, the details thereof, State/ UT/ block/village/date-wise;

(b) details of number of toilets constructed since 2014 till date, with date of commencement of these projects and funds involved, State/UT/block/village/ date-wise;

(c) details of parameters for announcement of a village as ODF;

(d) details regarding final approval given to announce a village as ODF; and

(e) whether Quality Council of India has issued any report on ODF, if so, details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard?

### **Availability of pucca toilets**

1467. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of our population which has access to pucca toilets in the country;

(b) the number of households which were provided with toilet facility since 2014;

(c) the number of public convenience stations built in the country since 2014;

(d) the steps taken by Government to give awareness to rural households regarding use of toilets; and

(e) number of the toilets built since 2014 which are in usable condition at present?

### **Households lacking toilet facility**

1468. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

a survey to find out the number of rural households lacking toilet facility till date and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken various steps to construct toilets in all the rural households in the country including Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has set any target to achieve the said goal and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked and spent for the said purpose?

**Water connection to houses under SNJPY**

†1469. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of villages in Madhya Pradesh being provided with drinking water facility, by providing a water connection to every house under Samooh Nal Jal Praday Yojana (SNJPY); and

(b) the details of estimated targets along with the amount to be spent for this purpose during next three years including 2018-19, district-wise and year-wise?

**India-Israel MoU on mobile desalination plants**

1470. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Israel to jointly develop 'Jal-Mobile' a mobile desalination plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government plans to import a plant and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the said technology/plant is likely to help the country in providing safe drinking water?

**Toilet facilities in Schools and Anganwadi Centres**

1471. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Schools and Anganwadi Centres in the country lacking proper toilet/sanitation facilities, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to construct toilets in the remaining Schools and Anganwadi Centres in the country; and

(c) the amount allocated and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise?

**Allocation for construction of toilets in Jharkhand**

1472. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed during 2017-18 in Jharkhand by Central agencies or with the Central Government funds;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) the number of toilets out of the above provided with water connection;

(d) whether any project is being implemented for providing water connections to these toilets; and

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(e) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose?

#### **Open Defecation Free India**

1473. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the time-bound plan to make India Open Defecation Free;

(b) the funds allocated to States, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved thereof, State-wise?

#### **Implementation of SBM**

1474. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) will help meet United Nations (UN) goals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that SBM is now world's biggest social movement;

(d) whether SBM had helped to increase the rural sanitation coverage manifolds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Open Defecation Free villages**

1475. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has helped making our villages Open Defecation Free;

(b) whether Government is granting funds to different States to achieve the objectives of SBM;

(c) if so, the details of the funds that have so far been provided to various States during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) the performance of those States in implementing SBM?

#### **Funds for rural sanitation system**

†1476. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated to various States for rural sanitation system during the past three years remained unused or were utilised for some other purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government is considering to reorganise rural sanitation system?

#### **Iron and Arsenic contamination in drinking water**

†1477. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amounts of Iron and Arsenic which is injurious to human life are found in drinking water of North-eastern States;

(b) whether Government has any scheme to remove Iron and Arsenic contents from such drinking water; and

(c) if so, by when clean drinking water

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would be provided to the people in the North-east?

#### **Open Defecation Free States**

1478. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of percentage of households which have toilet facilities in the country, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) the number of households and their percentage in the country including Goa, which is Open Defecation Free, State-wise/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide them toilet facilities and facilities for safe disposal of solid and liquid waste?

#### **Study of construction of toilets**

1479. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done a State-wise study of cost of construction of toilets in each household in urban areas, and if so, the details of the study thereof;

(b) if not, the way in which Government has decided the amount of subsidy for each urban household;

(c) whether the subsidies offered by Government covers less than 40 per cent of the costs of a toilet, making it difficult for many households to fund the remaining expenditure; and

(d) the manner in which Government plans to support financing to cover the entire costs of the project?

#### **Study on geothermal records in India**

1480. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the new study of geothermal records has shown that India has become hotter by about one degree Celsius over the baseline mean temperature of the 19th century; and

(b) whether it is a fact that southern India has experienced a significant warming over the past few decades?

#### **Expeditions to Antarctica**

1481. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual missions to maintain three Indian bases in Antarctica will continue;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there will be more expeditions and research focus on the other poles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cyclone forecasting system**

1482. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyclone 'Titli' and 'Gaja' wrecked havoc across various States resulting in loss of lives and properties, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any new initiatives to bring in technological advancement in cyclone forecasting system and if so, the details thereof including international cooperation/agreement; and

(c) other steps taken by Government

to develop cyclone forecasting and management system in the country?

endangered in the coastal region of Kerala, the details thereof?

#### **Methods of rainfall forecast by IMD**

1483. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the current methods of rainfall forecast being followed by the India Meteorological Department;

(b) whether there are any defects that affect the current methods and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said defects have caused inaccuracies in this year's rain forecast for areas that were affected by excessive rainfall and were not prepared for it and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is looking at alternative methods for rainfall calibration and if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures taken for accurate rain forecast?

#### **Extinction of marine species**

1484. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by any authorities about the extinction of marine species in the Arabian Sea during the last three years, if so, the details of the Indian Ocean study;

(b) the number of marine species identified as extinct and critically endangered in India;

(c) whether any project is being implemented to protect the marine species wealth of our nation, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of marine species identified as extinct and critically

#### **Impact of lifting ban on Rhino horn by China**

1485. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that China has recently lifted its 25 year ban on use and trade of rhino horn and tiger-bone products and that this might give a boost to rhino poachers and traffickers of horns; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to counter this threat, especially in the Kaziranga National Park?

#### **Impact of cyclone 'Gaja' on Point Calimere Bird Sanctuary, Nagapattinam**

1486. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cyclone 'Gaja' in Tamil Nadu has badly damaged Point Calimere Bird Sanctuary at Nagapattinam district, killing thousands of birds and wildlife besides affecting flora and fauna;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to assess the extent of damage to the sanctuary, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) measures proposed by Government to repair the damage to the coastal sanctuary?

#### **Deaths due to pollution**

1487. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether one out every eight deaths in India has been reported due to air pollution, as per a recent study report;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of twenty most polluted cities in the country; and

(c) the details of action Government would take to improve air quality and to curb air pollution in the country immediately, in response to such an alarming report?

#### **Fatalities due to extreme weather events**

1488. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India, accounted for the second highest fatalities, after Puerto Rico in 2017, due to extreme weather events, as per Germanwatch, an independent organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a study presented by Indian scientists at the COP 24 Climate, Conference at Katowice, Poland, put Assam and Mizoram among the most vulnerable Himalayan States; and

(d) if so, steps taken by Government to reduce carbon emissions to keep India safe?

#### **Generation of E-waste**

1489. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that India continues to generate high amounts of e-waste and is among the top five countries in e-waste generation;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is making a plan to convert plastic waste into biofuel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Death of lions in Gir Forest**

1490. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lions found dead in Gir Forest in Gujarat recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the enquiry and action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Environmental protection under Biological Diversity Act, 2002**

1491. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 relates to conservation and protection of environment; and

(b) whether efforts are being made by

Government under these provisions for conservation of forest wealth and wildlife in Rajasthan?

**Likely impact of increasing of pigeons population on human health**

1492. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growing population of pigeons cause health hazard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken/being taken by Government to control the population of pigeons?

**Result of All India Tiger Estimation, 2018**

1493. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the All India Tiger Estimation for this year, and if so, by when the results are likely to be released;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to increase the accuracy of Tiger estimation and to make the data accessible more easily; and

(c) whether any new steps have been taken to promote and increase Tiger conservation efforts, given that two-third of the world's Tiger population is found in India?

**High amount of emissions in Delhi-NCR**

1494. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of regulatory norms that have been imposed on industries which cause emissions in and around National Capital Region (NCR); and

(b) the rate of loss of the forest cover in the NCR during the last ten years and the details of steps that are being taken to compensate that?

**Generation of e-waste**

1495. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the data on e-waste generated by the States, State-wise;

(b) manner in which Government penalises the States to compensate against generating more e-wastes; and

(c) steps taken by Government, apart from the conventional steps to reduce e-waste generation?

**Conversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes**

1496. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details about area of forest land converted for non-forest purposes, during the last three years;

(b) purposes for such conversion of

forest land and the area converted for each purpose; and

(c) State-wise details of such conversion of forest land for infrastructural and industrial purposes?

#### **Diseases/deaths due to pollution**

1497. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data on the number of people dying prematurely due to diseases linked to pollution is available;

(b) if so, details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures being taken to addressing the issue?

#### **Environmental norms in road construction projects in Himalayas**

1498. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) rules/provisions for giving clearances to road construction projects in the Himalayan region;

(b) whether Ministry is cognizant of the 2013 report on flash floods in Uttarakhand by National Institute of Disaster Management which finds road construction a major factor for landslides in the region;

(c) the details of safeguards the Ministry has incorporated on giving clearances to road construction projects in the Himalayas, keeping geological, geomorphological, ecological and drainage aspects into consideration; and

(d) the details of road construction projects approved by the Ministry in the Himalayan region without considering their impact on drainage, since 2014?

#### **Amendments in National Clean Air Programme**

1499. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has amended the National Clean Air Programme recently, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the current version of the Programme lacks time-bound targets for the involved cities and States;

(c) if so, reasons therefor and the method by which Government will keep the participating agencies accountable for success of the Programme;

(d) whether any studies have been undertaken as a part of the Programme, to account for all the sources of pollution, and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and other initiatives taken to curb air pollution?

#### **Air pollution in Delhi due to stubble burning**

1500. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in addition to other factors, regional factors like crop stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana is the main reason for air pollution in Delhi;

(b) if so, details of concerted steps taken towards tackling this problem and

sensitising the concerned States bordering Delhi; and

(c) the number of high-level meetings convened by the Central Government in this regard during the last year?

#### **Proposal to raise AQI for NCR**

1501. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating in the light of Supreme Court's recent order to raise the Air Quality Index (AQI) to overcome unprecedented pollution crisis in the National Capital Region during last year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to involve some NGOs also in this regard, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to identify and control toxicity by means of reducing emissions from man-made sources, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Arrangements for e-waste management**

1502. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that India generates around two million tonnes of e-waste per annum (TPA);

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that there is no adequate arrangement to handle this large amount of e-waste as per the existing arrangements; and

(c) if so, steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Pollution in Delhi**

†1503. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of waste generated per day in Delhi, and the details thereof for each of its municipal corporations;

(b) the quantity of waste recycled out of total waste and the quantity dumped on the landfill sites;

(c) whether pollution is increasing in Delhi due to waste;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a study report of Gangaram Hospital, which has outlined the danger of lung cancer to the one-half population of Delhi;

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to make Delhi pollution-free; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **State of lakes in the country**

1504. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the number of lakes in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plan for their conservation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the targets fixed and the achievements made thereunder; and

(f) the details of lakes taken up/ proposed to be taken up during the next three years?

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**Forest clearance for Government Projects**

1505. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of forest land cleared for various Government projects during the years 2013 to 2017;

(b) the details of cases pending before Government or received during the said period for environment clearances; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

**India's Commitment at WSDS**

1506. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recently concluded World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS), India has committed to protect the environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the annual budget allocation for tackling the threat of climate change does not reflect the above commitment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**River pollution control measures**

1507. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of polluted stretches of rivers increased to

351, from 302, two years ago and quality indicators have gone up to 45 from 34;

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

(c) the details of control measures being taken up?

**Guidelines for media coverage during conflict situations**

1508. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no guidelines or standard operating procedures at present for media persons to cover emergency and conflict situations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) details of measures taken by the Ministry to regulate and monitor media coverage during conflict situations in the aftermath of the 26/11 attacks?

**Sting operation by Cobra on paid news**

1509. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that sting operations conducted by Cobra Post, highlight the preying Phenomena of paid news in media and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the sting operation had drawn attention to the report of sub-committee of Press Council of India title "Paid News: How Corruption in the Indian Media underlines democracy" and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken action on the said report and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Illegal release of new films**

1510. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many websites are involved in illegal release of new films;

(b) the details of measure to contain piracy on new films releases in the country;

(c) if so, whether some websites released pirated copies of just released/to be released movies in the country;

(d) if so, whether any complaints have been received in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken against those websites?

#### **Ban on TV channels**

1511. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of TV channels banned or restricted for telecast by Government during 2014-15 to 2017-18; and

(b) the details of cases registered against the media during 2014-15 to 2017-18 and the nature of cases thereof?

#### **Auction of Non-Coal Mines**

1512. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the auction process has been annulled for a number of non-coal mines during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of the non-coal mines being auctioned by Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the revenue from the auction to Government; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to improve the auction process?

#### **Controlling illegal sand mining**

1513. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to check and control illegal sand mining in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with name of the nodal officers;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) details about the mechanism to complain about such cases across the country?

#### **Gold mining in the country**

1514. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any special measures for exploration of gold in different parts of the country, followed by mining, depending upon its commercial viability;

(b) the potential gold mines in the country, worthy of extraction of the precious metal from commercial perspective;

(c) whether Government has auctioned any gold mine during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and total



quantity of gold extracted during last three years, mine-wise, year-wise?

**Connecting PRIs through information technology**

1515. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to connect all Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) with information technology network;

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

(c) whether such connectivity is likely to make PRIs more effective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Road projects in Punjab**

1516. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has recently sought expeditious clearance of road projects in the historic towns;

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

(c) whether any request was made for four-laning of a stretch of Jalandhar-Kapurthala-Sultanpur Lodhi, NH-703-A;

(d) if so, response of Government;

(e) whether Tarn Taran-Goindwal Sahib-Kapurthala Road would be declared as National Highway in view of its importance; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**FAST tags to VIPs for toll-free ride**

1517. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to provide about 10,000 to 12,000 FAST tags for vehicles of those who are entitled for free ride through toll plazas on National Highways (NHs) across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Widening of road to Shirdi**

1518. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has any plan to widen the road to Shirdi which is a pilgrimage centre in Maharashtra and if so, whether there is any plan to widen this road circle enough to carry increased traffic load; and

(b) the proposed time-frame for completion of the said road?

**Highways in Andhra Pradesh**

1519. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State Highways in Andhra Pradesh declared as National Highways during the last three years;

(b) the details of Highways upgraded/constructed during the last three years in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of National Highways under construction till date in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the time-frame fixed for completion of these highways?

#### **Notification for Quadricyles**

1520. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued notification for the insertion of the item Quadricycle as a non-transport vehicle under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether, previously the Quadricycles were allowed for transport usage under the Act, but now it has been made usable for non-transport; and

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

#### **Pending land acquisition for road project**

1521. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether acquisition of additional 1405 square meter of land in Survey No. 1854B in Pinnalur village of Cuddalore district has been pending over the past two years on Vikravandi-Kumbakonam section of NH-45C in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the laying of road has been going on over the yet to be acquired portion of 1405 square meter land and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has any issues in providing acquisition notification without further delay and pay 12% interest on compensation from the date of original notification; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Dilapidated condition of Aligarh-Kannauj Highway**

†1522. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 230 km. stretch of NH-91 from Aligarh to Kannauj *via* Etah, Bebar is in dilapidated condition for the last twelve years; and

(b) if so, the plan of Government for construction of the said road?

#### **Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Odisha**

1523. SHRI PRATAP KESHARI DEB: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of State Highways that has been converted into National Highways in the State of Odisha from 2014 to 2018; and

(b) State Highways which are at proposal stage for clearance by NHAI in kilometres?

#### **Good Samaritan Law**

1524. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Good Samaritan Law;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per report of 'Save LIFE Foundation', majority of people are not aware of protection that samaritans get under the above law, in case of helping accident victims;

(c) whether the Ministry failed to take this law to every nook and corner of the country;

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(d) whether the Ministry is also aware that as per the survey, 60 per cent of people reported that they are detained by police, despite the law forbidding it; and

(e) the action plan of Ministry in this regard?

#### **Construction of Highways**

†1525. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the speed of road construction per day by NHAI is much less than the prescribed standard;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the length of the road in kilometres being constructed per day by NHAI and the new National Highways constructed during the last three years?

#### **Funds from CRF for Gujarat**

†1526. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) details of fund given to Gujarat particularly Chhota Udaipur and Narmada district under Central Road Fund during the last three years;

(b) details of works done in said districts with above-mentioned funds; and

(c) details of funds given to Gujarat particularly Chhota Udaipur and Narmada districts under Central Road Fund in this budget?

#### **CAG Audit of NHAI projects**

1527. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG has strongly criticised the NHAI for extending undue benefits to various concessionaire who failed to complete the road projects across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to freeze the accounts of the concessionaire after the observations of the CAG Audit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Buddhist Circuit Project**

1528. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to connect all places of importance in Buddhas life through Buddhist circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of places being connected and estimated length of roads being developed and estimated costs thereon; and

(d) by when the project will be completed?

#### **Char Dham Road Project**

1529. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning an

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all-weather Char Dham Road Project, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the present status of the Project and by when it will be completed?

#### **Load carrying capacity of trucks**

1530. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently increased load carrying capacity of trucks and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether fitness of trucks and conditions of National Highways and State Expressways have been taken into consideration by Government before taking the decision; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government proposes to review the situation periodically?

#### **Overloading of trucks**

†1531. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether truck-overloading has become a serious problem in many States of the country and due to overloading a large number of people die every year in accidents on the National and State Highways and bridges and roads also get damaged before time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cement carrying trucks are involved in most of the cases of the overloading and whether the cases of collusion of the transport officers with the cement companies have come to light; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of Ram-Janki Marg**

†1532. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ram-Janki Marg is being constructed by the Central Government under which Ayodhya is proposed to be connected with Nepal by road route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the birth place of Goddess Sita, at Sitamarhi of Bihar is also proposed to be connected under the said Ram-Janki Marg; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Roads and Highways in Bihar**

1533. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money released by Government for the development/ construction of roads and highways in the State of Bihar between December, 2015 to June, 2017 and amount of money spent by the Government of Bihar out of this amount, details thereof; and

(b) amount released by Government for the development/construction of roads and highways in the State of Bihar between August, 2017 to November, 2018 and amount of money spent by the Government of Bihar out of this amount, details thereof?

#### **VLT in public vehicles**

1534. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing

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to make it mandatory for all new public service vehicles to be equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking (VLT), with emergency buttons to ensure safety of passengers especially women passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether blanket exemption has been given to older public service vehicles from fitting VLT with panic button; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Waste materials for road construction**

1535. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will undertake a pilot project to build approximately a stretch of 150 km. of National Highway using different types of waste materials including plastic and rubber, to assess whether this can be done on a larger scale and whether this will be effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government held discussions with all concerned, to work out the possibility of undertaking such work on a larger scale; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Central assistance for road projects**

1536. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount of Central assistance allocated by Government to different States and UTs in the country during the last three years for maintenance

of roads, development and repair work of National Highways;

(b) whether the funds earmarked by Government are properly utilised by States/UTs or they remain unspent, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of mechanism adopted by Government to monitor the expenditure incurred by different States and UTs on maintenance and repair of National Highways and quality of the material used therein?

#### **Dhola-Sadiya Bridge**

1537. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dhola-Sadiya Bridge in Assam is a project under the Ministry;

(b) when was the first survey conducted for the Dhola-Sadiya Bridge; and

(c) when were the funds sanctioned and released for conducting the first survey of the Dhola-Sadiya Bridge?

#### **Rising number of accidents on NHs**

1538. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in accidents on National Highways during last three years, State-NH wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any survey for road accidents on National Highways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps being taken to minimize road accidents on National Highways?

**Upgradation of State Highways to National Highways in Maharashtra**

1539. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under the consideration of Government for upgradation of some of the State Highways into National Highways in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current state of progress in each case; and

(c) the estimated time period for completion of such upgradation in each case?

**Roadblocks in Bharatmala**

1540. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharatmala is facing numerous roadblocks including fund crunch, slow land acquisition and delay in preparation of detailed project reports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has prepared a half-yearly report to review the progress of its ambitious infrastructure programme, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme is significantly running behind its financial targets and actual capital cost incurred to construct the highways is fifty per cent higher than the estimated cost, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the target fixed by Government to award the projects?

**CCTV Cameras on National Highways**

1541. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the major reasons for road accidents, if so, the details thereof, and the action taken in this regard;

(b) steps taken by Government to prevent the road accidents and spread awareness in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any plan to install CCTV Cameras on main crossings on National Highways and busy routes; and

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

**Change in toll policy**

1542. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to change the toll policy for National Highways, that makes people pay the toll or user fee only for the stretch they travel and not for the entire corridor between two existing toll plazas;

(b) if so, the details of the policy and the implementation mechanism in the case of existing roads which have unlimited entry and exit points;

(c) the time-frame for implementation of the policy; and

(d) details thereof?

**Bridge across Sharavathi Backwater**

1543. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that there

is a need to construct a bridge across Sharavathi backwater (Sagar City NH-206) to Sigandur section in Karnataka;

(b) whether Ministry has received a request in this regard from the Chief Minister of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Ministry on this request?

#### **Agricultural wages in MGNREGS**

1544. SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from the State Government suggesting the Ministry to link the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with agricultural wages and pay 50 per cent agricultural wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on the matter, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

#### **Development works at Nandla, H.P.**

1545. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister Office has received any representation in the months of September and October 2018, regarding various development works at village Nandla in Chirgaon Tehsil in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh which was forwarded

to Chief Secretary for necessary action in this regard;

(b) if so, details of action taken by Himachal Pradesh Government in this regard; and

(c) by when these development works will be implemented?

#### **Reduction in disability percentage under IGNDPS**

†1546. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of disabilities is being reduced under the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS); and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Jobs in rural areas**

1547. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new jobs created in rural areas during the last one year; and

(b) the details of total number of non-farming jobs created in the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir State, district-wise?

#### **Road projects under PMGSY**

1548. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects, with road length for each project under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) pending for more than three years, State-wise, particularly in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

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(b) the detailed reasons for delay viz. problem in land acquisition, delay in release of fund etc.; and

(c) efforts made to complete the projects as early as possible, including mechanism for overseeing and monitoring by the Ministry?

#### **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**

1549. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been declining, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether declining work under MGNREGS has intensified migration, leaving several villages without a male population, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, steps taken by Government to revive the MGNREGS?

#### **Evaluation of SAGY**

1550. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any evaluation of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana; and

(b) if so, details of funds spent during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Status of phases of SAGY**

1551. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Members of

Parliament across both the Houses of Parliament who have identified the Gram Panchayats under Phase II and III of the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) scheme;

(b) the details of Union Ministers who have identified the Gram Panchayat under Phase II and III of the SAGY scheme; and

(c) steps taken by Government to ensure that the Members of Parliament identify the Gram Panchayat within the proposed deadline?

#### **Integrated Land Information System**

1552. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified area(s)/factors which hampers its endeavour to modernize the land records system in the country and to build up an integrated land information system;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has initiated talks/discussion with various stakeholders and experts to overcome this crisis; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

#### **Status of PMAY (G)**

†1553. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) data of houses built under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Ministry is planning to raise its target this year and if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the deadline set for realising the annual goal?

**Discontinuation of NSAP due to lack of e-KYC**

1554. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that various pension entitlements under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) have been discontinued temporarily because the beneficiaries could not link their bank accounts, with Aadhaar or meet e-KYC norms;

(b) if so, number of such pensions discontinued and corresponding months of discontinuation during the last three years State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether any provision has been made to ensure that when pension is temporarily discontinued due to lack of e-KYC, the monthly installments corresponding to the discontinuation period are eventually paid to the pensioner, after the payments resume; and

(d) if so, details of such provisions, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Database of corrupt contractors in PMGSY**

1555. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned, and number of projects completed in Tamil Nadu, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has

prepared a national database of corrupt and dubious contractors under the PMGSY to avoid awarding tenders to them in the future; and

(c) if not, whether the Government plans to prepare such a list, and if so, the details thereof?

**Rural Roads Maintenance Policy**

1556. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ensured that all States have formulated the Rural Roads Maintenance Policy for the roads built under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) scheme to remain functional;

(b) if not, the details of the States that have not yet notified the policy;

(c) whether the Ministry imparts training to engineers and contractors for proper maintenance of roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Employment opportunities in rural areas**

1557. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes under implementation for generation of employment opportunities for youths in rural areas of the country particularly in Haryana and the employment generated under these schemes, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised by the States under the schemes for the purpose during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the targets fixed and the achievements made with regard to the generation of employment opportunities for youth in rural areas during the said period; and

(d) the other measures taken/being taken by Government for socio-economic development of rural people in the country?

#### **Increase of funds in PMAY**

†1558. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds for construction of houses in rural areas under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) will be increased from ₹ 1.20 lakh to ₹ 1.30 lakh per family; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the same would be increased and the details thereof?

#### **Assessment of PMGSY**

1559. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken an assessment of the impact created by Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana after 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Investment in Science and Technology**

†1560. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic

Product being spent on augmenting the infrastructure in the field of Science and Technology in the country;

(b) whether the current level of investment of Gross Domestic Product is inadequate to meet the requirements of this sector; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government, in this regard?

#### **Development of Indian Waterways in Andhra Pradesh**

1561. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a hydro-graphic survey for development of Waterways in the State of Andhra Pradesh, has been completed to develop Waterways corridor from Kakinada to Chennai, if so, the details thereof and the present status of the project;

(b) the quantum of funds proposed to be allocated for this project;

(c) whether any fund has been released and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the progress made so far; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for its early completion?

#### **Oil Spill in Ennore Port in Tamil Nadu**

1562. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of frequent incidents of Oil Spill along the coastline especially at the Ennore Port in Tamil Nadu, if so, action taken to contain the Oil Spill and protect the coastal environment;

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(b) the regulatory mechanisms available to the Coast Guard to contain the Oil Spill, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the ship and the company have been held accountable to prevent further spillage to protect the coastal environment?

#### **Water transport for commercial use**

1563. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop water transport system for commercial usage in the country;

(b) if so, the detailed revival projects of water transport facilities;

(c) whether Government proposes to redevelop waterways and multi-modal commercial projects on river Ganga and Brahmaputra; and

(d) the details of plan on dredging of rivers and commercialization of waterways system in the country?

#### **Development of national waterways**

1564. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the detailed development action plan for development of all identified 106 national waterways have been prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith expected time-frame of completion of each project;

(c) whether the Ministry has carried out any study, which compares use of waterways as medium of transportation as compared to railways and road transport, with respect to its cost effectiveness and effect on environment; and

(d) if so, the details of findings of the study?

#### **Making river Ganga pollution free**

1565. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had promised to clean 70 to 80 per cent river Ganga before December, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it would be completely cleaned and steps being taken to make it absolutely pollution free; and

(d) whether the Ministry is seeking expert opinion or seeking help from foreign countries to make an impeccable Ganga and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds allocation for Namami Gange Programme**

1566. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized till date under Namami Gange Programme (NGP), State-wise;

(b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized during 2018-19, till 20th December, 2018, State-wise;

(c) the details of total fund spent on cleaning of river Ganga; and

(d) the details of waste treatment plants installed and those which are functional under NGP, State-wise?

**Compensation for land acquisition for water reservoir**

†1567. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has acquired farmers' land in 2008-09 for setting up Jamunihan reservoir at village Kumhari, district Schehadal, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of number of farmers belonging to scheduled tribes, backward and general categories, respectively and the time by when compensation for land paid to them alongwith details of amount and basis for compensation; and

(c) details of extent to which the dam has been constructed and by when the same would be completed cost to be incurred thereon, the area of land irrigated therefrom and the land area to be submerged in the process?

**Irrigation project under PMKSY**

†1568. 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 Government is planning to expand the irrigated area under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of districts of Bihar where work is in progress under PMKSY?

**Construction of Neradi Barrage in Andhra Pradesh**

1569. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the issues yet to be resolved for construction of Neradi Barrage in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh Government proposed construction of Katragada Side Weir Project pending resolution of Neradi Barrage; and

(c) the effects of Katragada Side Weir Project in Vansadhara river meandering?

**Bankruptcy of Polavaram project contractor**

1570. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canara Bank has approached the National Company Law Tribunal to declare Transtrai, the main contractor of Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh, as bankrupt and set up Interim Resolution Professional immediately;

(b) whether it is also a fact that eight banks have also approached banking tribunal, to repay loan by Transtrai company; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed by Ministry as regards Polavaram project as main project contractor is bankrupt?

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**Irrigation facilities to Chhattisgarh under PMKSY**

†1571. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided by the Government to the State of Chhattisgarh under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) the number of proposals received by Government from the State Government under this scheme and current status of these proposals;

(c) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has received the targeted fund during the financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cleanliness of river Yamuna**

†1572. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the expenditure incurred to maintain the cleanliness and purity of the river Yamuna during the last three years and the outcome thereof;

(b) the number of times water treatment plants had to be closed due to increase in the levels of Ammonia in the river Yamuna during the last one year, causing disruption

in timely supply of drinking water in Delhi; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the water of the river Yamuna is getting contaminated day-by-day, despite the prevalence of schemes for cleaning the river Yamuna?

**Expenditure incurred in Polavaram project**

1573. 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 funds to the tune of more than ₹ 3000 crore is due for release to Andhra Pradesh Government for construction of Polavaram project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred in the construction of Polavaram project, year-wise and amount reimbursed by Government to the State till date?

**Loss of potable water due to wastage**

1574. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the total loss of potable water due to wastage in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new initiatives have been taken by Government to encourage water conservation in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Under-utilisation of budget  
sanctioned for NGP**

1575. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of ₹ 20,000 crores sanctioned for the Namami Gange Programme (NGP) for cleaning of river Ganga, only ₹ 3639.89 crores have been spent during 2014-2018;

(b) if so, the reasons for the under-utilisation of the budget sanctioned for the project considering the fact that the project ends in 2020 and if so, the details of the budget spent, year-wise since 2014;

(c) the number of Sewage Treatment Plants which have been made functional from 2014 till date; and

(d) the details of rise in ambient quality level of water of river Ganga during the last three years, year-wise?

**Funds for desiltation, renovation and  
raising bunds**

1576. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided central grants for desiltation, renovation and raising the bunds of reservoirs and other water bodies used for drinking water supplies in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Depletion of groundwater**

1577. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether findings of a study published in American Geophysical Unions Journal, Earths Future, reveals that total estimated groundwater depletion in the country is in the range of 122-199 billion cubic-metres;

(b) whether the report reveals that groundwater depletion is alarming in northwest and central India with a few districts in Punjab showing substantial decline in groundwater table since 1996; and

(c) the steps being taken to regulate indiscriminate drawal of groundwater both for potable (urban habitations) and irrigation purposes?

**Losses due to monsoon floods in  
Kerala**

1578. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent any team to Kerala to evaluate the losses in the recent monsoon floods in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted by the team; and

(c) the reaction of Government on the recommendations submitted to help the State?

### **Ganga Knowledge Centre**

1579. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga River Basin Management Plan has been finalized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is planning to set up the Ganga Knowledge Centre; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **DPR on Mokedatu project**

1580. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the proposed Mokedatu project;

(b) the details of estimated cost of the project to be shared by the Central and State Governments;

(c) the share of drinking water proposed to be allocated to Bengaluru; and

(d) the proposed timeline for completion of the project?

### **Erosion of Barak river**

1581. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Barak river in Assam is considered to be pious sources of civilization;

(b) whether Government is aware of serious erosion of Barak river; and

(c) if so, whether Government intends to prepare action plan to clean-up the Barak river to curtail erosion?

### **Deadline for completion of Polavaram project**

1582. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after thirteen months of submission of the Detailed Project Report-2 (DPR-2) Government has not yet taken any further steps to clear the DPR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that the deadline for completion of Polavaram project is being extended frequently due to one reason or other; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Cleaning and rejuvenation of Ganga in Bihar**

1583. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiative taken and money spent by the Ministry in the State of Bihar to clean the river Ganga; and

(b) the details of amount released by Central Government to help the State of Bihar in dealing with floods situation during the year 2014-18 and the details of amount spent out of it by the Bihar Government?

### Survey of rivulets

†1584. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey for rivulets in Kaimoor, Nawada, Aurangabad, Gaya and Bhagalpur districts;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government; and

(c) if not, the proposed future action plan of Government?

### Water harvesting in Bihar

†1585. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are plenty of small rivulets sourcing from hills in Kaimoor, Nawada, Aurangabad, Gaya and Bhagalpur districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, whether there is any arrangements for water harvesting; and

(c) if not, whether Government is contemplating to take effective steps in this regard and if so, by when?

### Improving ground water quality

1586. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

ground water in various parts of the country has become poisonous;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to improve ground water quality in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilized therefor and the details of progress made therein, State-wise and region-wise during the last three years?

### Cleaning of Ganga river

1587. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount of money spent on cleaning of Ganga during last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there was a difference in the pollution levels in the river, if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the details of difficulties being faced in the Namami Gange Programme?

### DRIP Projects in Tamil Nadu

1588. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) details of the projects approved under the Dam Rehabilitation Improvement Project (DRIP) for the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the status of the project implementation, budget allocated/released so far for the State?

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### **Water storage level of major reservoirs**

1589. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently the water storage level of 91 major reservoirs of the country has gone down;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) what will be its impact on the country's water resource?

### **Erosion on banks of river Ganga**

†1590. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Gandhi tola, Baghmara Panchayat, Bauli Panchayat etc. falling under State legislative constituency of Manihari located in Katihar district of Bihar are being seriously affected by erosion on the banks of Ganga river and if the same is not prevented, the entire village would submerge in Ganga river;
- (b) whether Government has a plan to save people, from the erosion caused by flow of Ganga river, living in the villages and Panchayats adjacent to river banks; and
- (c) the details of plan and by when task of saving the people from erosion, would be initiated?

### **Namami Gange Programme**

†1591. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the rivers of the country proposed to be cleaned under Namami Gange Programme;
- (b) the names of the schemes formulated to clean the rivers of the country during the last three years, along with the amount spent on these schemes; and
- (c) the number of the rivers cleaned during the last three years along with the present status of those rivers?

### **Inter linking of rivers**

†1592. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has planned to link the rivers of the country;
- (b) if so, by when it would be completed; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Construction of new stadia**

†1593. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new Stadia and sports institutes constructed and established to increase sports facilities in the country during last three years; and
- (b) total expenditure incurred for establishing these institutes by Government during the last three years?

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**Helping former players in economic crisis**

†1594. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any national or international regulator to help the former players in economic crisis;

(b) whether Government will constitute a Commission to fill up sports quota in various Departments and provide employment to willing sportspersons in a given time-frame; and

(c) whether any record is being maintained to ensure that no sportsperson, who have won medal for the country suffers from economic crisis?

**NIS trained coaches**

†1595. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state that Sports Authority of India used to provide National Institute of Sports (NIS) trained coaches to Central Schemes as well as State-run Schemes in past, which have been discontinued presently; and whether the same would be revived?

**Revenue from National Sports Stadia**

1596. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total revenue earned from National Sports Stadia across the country in the financial year 2017-18;

(b) the sources of revenue earned, stadium-wise;

(c) details of office, commercial and hospitality spaces, stadium-wise;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken any concrete steps to generate revenue through these infrastructures;

(e) if so, the details and results thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Midterm budget cut**

1597. SHRI AHMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is facing a midterm budget cut due to low spending;

(b) if so, details of amount spent out of allocated budget in the fiscal year 2017-18; and

(c) details of amount spent on Sport Authority of India (SAI) centres in the country for the period of 2016-17, State-wise?

**Action plan for preparation of Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympics**

1598. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan or scheme or programme for preparation of Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympics, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the assessment regarding Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the progress on this;

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(c) the efforts made by Government to develop sports infrastructure in the country; and

(d) the details of funds allocated to various agencies including States and Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the progress in utilisation thereof?

**Sportsmanship among disabled persons**

†1599. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take any step or introduce any scheme to promote sportsman-spirit among disabled persons, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide them better financial and infrastructural facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Khelo India**

1600. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken an assessment of the impact created by Khelo India since its inception;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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