

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, 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

Disinvestment in CIL

1. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to divest a 10 per cent stake in Coal India Limited (CIL);

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

(c) how the divestment is expected to impact CIL?

Unsold coal stock of CIL

2. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Ltd. (CIL) now has a lot of unsold coal in its stock;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CIL has been unable to find a market for this stock; and

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

Production of coal in Odisha

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

(a) what was the total production of coal in Odisha during the year 2013, 2014 and 2015;

(b) what was the total loss due to theft, pilferage and during transportation; and

(c) how the Ministry proposes to overcome such losses in future?

Exploitation of coal mines in Odisha

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal mines in Odisha are not being utilized to their full capacity despite having good potential;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how the Ministry proposes to increase the output of the coal mines so that the State as well as the Nation benefits from it?

Allocation of coal mines

†5. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coal mines auctioned throughout the country;

(b) the total number of coal mines allocated in the country; and

(c) the names of the companies that have been allocated coal mines, if any, and the basis for such allocation, State-wise?

Modernization of equipments used in coal production

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware about hazard of extremely high level of dust and water pollution created because of coal production in the country;

(b) the details of usage of water for coal production during the last five years, State-wise and coal mine-wise;

(c) the status of modernization plans for equipments used in coal production and transportation with regard to treatment of generated dust and recycling of water; and

(d) the details of pollution generated along with its reasons and the steps taken to monitor and prevent the same?

Theft of coal

7. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding theft of coal at loading/unloading points and coal depots of the Coal India Limited (CIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of theft cases got registered by coal companies during the last three years and the current year, company-wise and State-wise including Odisha;

(c) the loss incurred by CIL, as a result thereof during the said period; and

(d) the details of action taken to check this problem and whether Government has conducted any investigation into the matter?

Coal supply to power stations under FSA

8. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to ensure supply of quality coal to all power stations under the Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to enhance Gross Calorific Value (GCV) of coal by segregating all impurities from coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Revenue generation from re-allocation of coal blocks

9. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has ensured re-allocation of 47 blocks to power sector supporting the capacity of about 50,000 MW through auction/allotment after the cancellation of 204 coal blocks by the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the capacity details of each of the 47 coal blocks re-allocated and the coal blocks ready for reallocation during the next two years;

(c) whether Government has fixed any target for revenue generation from re-allocation of these coal blocks; and

(d) if so, the details of revenue generated through reallocation of coal blocks till date, coal block-wise?

Operation of coal washeries

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

(a) the number of coal washeries currently in operation and the amount of coal above G10 washed during the last year;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to increase the number of coal washeries, and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures Government has undertaken/plans to undertake to handle environment concerns arising due to poor quality coal?

Performance of coal blocks

11. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how many coal blocks are working profitably in different States of the country;

(b) whether any coal block is found to be inoperative/running in loss, as of now; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure under SBM in Assam and U.P.

†12. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent so far under different heads under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) in States including Assam and Uttar Pradesh, since its inception on 2nd October, 2014, State-wise;

(b) the targets set for the said scheme and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has conducted any review for this scheme and whether the schemes of SBM-G are visible on ground in comparison to the amount being spent on them?

Review of NRDWP

13. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is reviewed periodically;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;

(c) the success achieved under the scheme during the said period;

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(d) whether it is a fact that the safe drinking water is still not available in most of the villages, covered under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

Access to safe drinking water

14. DR.PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is among top 10 countries in the world with the largest number of people living without access to safe water;

(b) if so, the number of people living without access to safe water in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to provide safe drinking water?

Drinking water supply to rural households

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

(a) how far Central and State Governments have been successful in ensuring drinking water to all rural households and institutions;

(b) in how many States lack of resource prevents it;

(c) whether conversion of used water into drinking water was attempted anywhere in the country; and

(d) if so, in how many places it has been successful and if not, whether Government intends to do it anywhere?

Pump water supply scheme in Telangana

16. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that solar power based dual pump water supply scheme is being implemented in four districts of Telangana;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 34 habitations have been covered since implementation of the scheme *i.e.* 2013 in Telangana;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the status of its implementation in other identified districts; and

(f) by when all the districts identified would be covered under the above scheme?

Shortage of drinking water in Maharashtra region

17. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken *suo motu* note of acute shortage of drinking water in Marathwada region of Maharashtra and imposition of section 144 of Cr.PC in Latur Division of the State, over shortage of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken to rush drinking water to parched Marathwada region of the State?

Supply of clean drinking water to all villages

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to supply clean drinking water to all villages;

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

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

Access to safe drinking water

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

(a) whether, as per report released by Water Aid on World Water Day, 2016, India has the world's largest number of people, about 7.6 crore people, without access to safe water;

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

(c) the response of Government thereto; and

(d) the details of habitations which have been provided access to safe and uncontaminated drinking water during 2014-15 and 2015-16, State-wise and year-wise?

Households without toilet and drinking water facilities

20. SHRI P.N. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to State:

(a) the number of households without toilet facilities within their living premises

category-wise *e.g.* Rural and Urban, SC, ST and others for each State/UT;

(b) the number of households without drinking water facility within their living premises, category-wise *e.g.* Rural and Urban, SC, ST and others for each State/UT; and

(c) the steps taken by Government during the last two years to tackle the situation and the outcomes thereof?

Per capita availability of drinking water

†21. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to State:

(a) whether per capita availability of drinking water is decreasing continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government's mission to provide potable drinking water to everyone is getting affected due to expansion of packaged drinking water market continuously; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Drinking water problems of drought affected areas

22. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to State:

(a) whether States like Maharashtra and Telangana had seventy per cent less rainfall;

(b) if so, whether these and some other States have sought funds from the Central Government to tackle drought and provide drinking water to the villages of drought-affected areas;

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(c) the details of funds doled out to these States against their demand up to February, 2016; and

(d) by when the remaining amount would be disbursed?

Shortage of drinking water in certain areas

23. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in certain areas of Maharashtra, Vidarbha and Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the latest assessment of Government regarding shortage of water in these areas;

(c) how Government proposes to meet shortage of drinking water in these areas;

(d) whether Government is aware that people are migrating from these areas to urban areas due to shortage of water; and

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

Committee for contaminated drinking water supply

24. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any committee to look into the contaminated drinking water supply to the people keeping in view the increasing number of jaundice cases in different parts of the country, especially in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of drinking water

25. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large parts of the country are facing acute shortage of drinking water with the onset of summer season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to address the shortage of drinking water?

Special status for rural water supply schemes

26. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

(a) whether Government has received proposals from the State Governments including Maharashtra seeking grant of special status for Rural Water Supply Schemes in order to solve problems of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the time by which Government proposes to grant special status to the concerned States to provide additional assistance for water supply schemes under NRDWP;

(d) whether Government proposes to provide additional funds to the States with special status including Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Providing safe drinking water in Bihar

†27. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide safe drinking water in the interest of general public;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of arrangements made by Government till now to provide safe drinking water in backward States like Bihar, district-wise?

Contaminated drinking water in rural districts

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

(a) the details of rural districts where drinking water is contaminated with arsenic, fluoride, iron, nitrate and salinity along with the number of people residing in the water quality affected areas;

(b) what are the ill effects of consumption of contaminated water along with the number of persons died during the last three years due to consumption of contaminated water;

(c) the details of remedial measures taken to address the serious problem of quality of water; and

(d) the steps taken to provide safe and pure drinking water in water quality affected areas?

Amount under NRCP for Gujarat

29. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated by the Ministry to Gujarat under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) during the last three years, year-wise and project-wise;

(b) the status report of each project;

(c) the amount of funds provided under this Plan during 2016-17, project-wise;

(d) whether Government would approve NRCP for the Vishwamitri river in Baroda; and

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

Eco-sensitive areas in Western Ghats

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

(a) what is the progress on declaring eco-sensitive areas (ESAs) in Western Ghats;

(b) how many States have submitted their report on demarcating ESAs by physical verification;

(c) what is the procedure to be followed by the States to hold public consultations before demarcating ESAs by physical verification;

(d) how many public consultations were held in Maharashtra for demarcation of ESAs, village-wise; and

(e) whether report of the State would be accepted, even if no public consultation is held and if so, the reasons therefor?

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Concession to projects of Uttarakhand under Forest (Conservation) Act

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

(a) the names of projects of Uttarakhand received by the Ministry to provide concession to them under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

(b) whether all such projects have been sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the names of projects which were not given sanction together with the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Phasing out of outlived trees

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

(a) whether there is any guidelines about phasing out and replacing old outlived trees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that old trees become 'net carbon dioxide generators' after a certain age; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to allow felling of such trees and their replacement across the country?

Handing over of degraded forests to private companies

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

(a) whether the Ministry has issued

guidelines allowing degraded forests to be handed over to private companies;

(b) whether the Ministry has also waived off the requirement for permission from Gram Sabha for such transfer;

(c) whether the Ministry has evaluated the environmental risks or assessed the possible misuse of this provision for mining or land-grabbing; and

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

Polluted lakes

34. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of lakes in the country are highly polluted due to entry of untreated sewage, and industrial pollutants and they are beyond redemption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has any schemes to save lakes of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of lakes which have been identified for taking immediate steps to protect them, lake-wise and State-wise; and

(f) the funds allocated for the purpose?

Mercy killing of animals

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating on mercy killing of animals;

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

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

Extinction and illegal trade of pangolin

36. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pangolin species in the country, year-wise, since 2008;

(b) whether Government is aware that the pangolin is India's and world's most hunted and traded animal;

(c) if so, the steps Government is taking to protect the animal from extinction in the country and the impact of such steps; and

(d) if not, the steps the Ministry is taking to be aware of extinction of various species in the country?

Revival of Hussain Sagar lake

37. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn towards the reports that the Hussain Sagar lake in Hyderabad is highly polluted and that even the desilted earth would be a health hazard; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government would work with Telangana Government closely to revive Hussain Sagar as a freshwater lake?

Carcasses of Olive Ridley turtles

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

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

(a) whether carcasses of thousands of Olive Ridley turtles off Gahirmatha marine sanctuary in Odisha were reported recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the reasons for massive deaths were analysed, including operation of illegal trawl fishing activities;

(c) whether similar incidents of deaths of shark and dolphins were also reported in the coast of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action taken to conserve the marine habitation and to curb the illegal fishing trawls in the coastal zone?

Compensatory afforestation

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

(a) the area in hectares where compensatory afforestation has been undertaken by Government in the country during each of the last three years due to construction of Highways, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken into consideration that artificial afforestation through plantations may not be a sustainable one and cannot be compared to the degraded or lost natural forest land; and

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

Toxicity of air in Delhi and NCR

40. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air in Delhi and its NCR region is getting more and more toxic putting in dangers the health of citizens of Delhi and its NCR areas;

(b) if so, what is the status of this menace; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to address this issue seriously?

Pollution in Rajasthan

†41. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the position of Rajasthan among the most polluted States of the country;

(b) whether Government has provided any financial assistance to check the increasing pollution in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of forest land in that State, district-wise and whether Government has formulated any scheme for plantation on the said land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount provided to the State Government for this purpose during the last year and the current year?

Pending proposals from Rajasthan

†42. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals of public and private sectors of Rajasthan is pending with the Ministry and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to clear such proposals in a stipulated time frame and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of migratory birds

†43. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various migratory birds coming in the country during various seasons, season-wise;

(b) whether there is any decline in the number of these migratory birds during the last few decades and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the various steps taken/being taken by Government for development of their habitat and to protect them; and

(d) the State-wise details of amount allocated for the same during each of the last three years and the current year?

Rise in Man-animal conflict

44. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming rise in man-animal conflicts during the last few years and fatalities often involve elephants, leopards, bears, boars and tigers; and

(b) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to protect the natural heritage so that man and animal can live in harmony?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Pollution in Delhi

45. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALLYAWI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that pollution in Delhi has reached dangerous level;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that pollution is one of the causes of increase in the number of cancer cases;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the steps being taken to bring pollution in Delhi under control?

Tree census

46. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to conduct tree census in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Forest Survey of India (FSI) conducts regular inventory of trees in and outside forests in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the reports of FSI has shown any decline in the number of trees;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken to plant more trees in the country in coordination with State Governments?

Repercussions of climate change

47. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) what changes have been noticed by Government as repercussions of climate change during the last two years on the pattern of rain and climate in north India and coastal areas;
- (b) whether natural calamities occurring frequently in the form of unseasonal rain, hailstorms, drought, flood, flash floods etc. are direct result of climate change, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard;
- (d) whether recent floods in Chennai could be attributed to climate change; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Commercial release of GM mustard variety

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to commercially release Genetically modified (GM) mustard variety in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of States which have given their prior consent, so far, in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the work on the plan is likely to be taken up?

Kasturirangan Committee report on eco-sensitive zones in Western Ghats

49. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any

proposal to consider the recommendations made by the Kasturirangan Committee report on eco-sensitive zones in Western Ghats; and

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

Environmental education, awareness and training

50. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

(a) the details of schemes and the steps taken by Government for environmental education, awareness and training during the last two years;

(b) whether World Bank assistance has been taken to promote Environment Management Capacity Building Project in various States of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon during the said period, State-wise?

Setting-up of centralized pollution control room

51. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set-up centralized pollution control room to monitor level of air pollution in the NCR region;

(b) if so, the details of activities likely to be taken by control room;

(c) whether Government has adequate technical and enforcement staff to enforce

the pollution standards and norms against the violators identified by control room or monitoring authorities; and

(d) if so, the details of harmful elements found in air of NCR region and the action taken thereon?

Impact of plastic use

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

(a) whether it is a fact that use of plastic has become a serious danger for the ecology of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to curb the use of plastics?

Conservation of leopards

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

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to ensure the conservation of leopards;

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

(c) whether steps are being taken to conserve the quality of its habitat and prey-base in Tamil Nadu, and the rest of States;

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

(e) what steps are being taken in case of stray leopards entering human habitations?

Eco-sensitive areas

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

(a) the details of criteria adopted for declaring any area as eco-sensitive area;

(b) whether the livelihood of local people is affected consequent upon declaring any area as eco-sensitive and if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many areas in total has been declared as eco-sensitive zones in the country; and

(d) how many of such eco-sensitive zones are there in Gujarat and Jharkhand together with the details thereof?

Poor air quality in Delhi

55. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi's plans to combat poor air quality may soon see a redesign with a new study done by IIT, Kanpur giving authorities insights into what really causes pollution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken from study and results yielded, so far?

Investment in renewable energy sector

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

(a) the details of investment made in

renewable energy sector during the last three years, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) whether Government has contributed a significant portion of investment made in renewable energy sector during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to provide commercial banks with special incentives to boost private financing in renewable energy sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Use of unproductive and non-agricultural land for solar parks

57. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come out with fresh guidelines that allow State Governments to use unproductive and non-agricultural land to set up solar parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a number of solar parks have been approved in various States, so far, with an aggregate capacity of 1,848 MW?

Incentives to solar industry

58. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exemptions and incentives that the Budget 2016-17 has given to solar industry;

(b) to what extent exemptions and incentives given would help the solar

industry to achieve its target of 1.75 lakh MW;

(c) whether it is a fact that the industry wanted to allow pension funds to be invested in renewable assets;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any proposal has been sent to the Ministry of Finance for this purpose; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of that Ministry?

Solar power generation in West Bengal

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

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated and released, persons benefited and progress attained under various projects including development of solar parks, development of solar power plants on canal banks/tops, solar projects for defence establishments, solar power projects for CPSUs as well as roof-top solar installation etc. during the last two years;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that despite having tremendous potential for solar power generation, West Bengal possesses less than 2 per cent of the total commissioned capacity in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to address this issue?

Promotion of stand-alone solar power projects

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

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to promote stand-alone solar power projects in the country;

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

(c) whether Government plans to establish sustainable rural electrification through stand-alone solar power projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of rural electrification projects powered by these sources?

Establishment of solar energy parks

†61. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special plan to establish solar energy parks;

(b) if so, the details of projects being implemented to establish solar energy parks in the country and the process for regulation of these parks, State-wise and area-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for providing solar power

62. SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
KUMARI SELJA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of recent schemes formulated by Government for providing solar power to villages in the country; and

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose State/UT-wise?

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Boosting solar power generation

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to boost solar power generation in the country and making new policies, accordingly, to augment solar power and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the incentives being given by Government for installation of solar panels at homes and reduce the cost of installation to enable people to afford installation of solar panels; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is making it compulsory to install solar power generating panels for newly constructed houses as a part of this drive and if so, the details thereof?

International solar alliance

64. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) with which countries Government plans to initiate the work under the umbrella of international solar alliance;

(b) whether India has identified strengths of member countries in terms of technology, innovation, financing and skill development to achieve the objectives of this alliance;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has identified year-wise targets and action plans for solar alliance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Gap between funds sanctioned and released under RGPSY

65. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for a wide gap between funds sanctioned and released under the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Shashaktikaran Yojana (RGPSY) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the performance of RGPSY in various States during that period year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the physical targets set and achieved during the above period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) to what extent the above scheme is helpful in increasing the capacity building?

Irregularities in distribution of LED bulbs

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

(a) whether Government has noticed that a large scale irregularities have taken place in distribution of LED bulbs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a huge difference between the accounts submitted by the States towards supply of LED bulbs to the public;

(c) whether Government is planning to initiate any investigation to find out the actual status and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any complaint has been received by the Ministry in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Compensation for land acquired for power projects

67. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation is given to farmers for their lands acquired for public and private power projects;

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

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to farmers in various States including Uttar Pradesh for the land acquired from them for thermal/hydro power projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Management of energy resources of the country

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

(a) whether a group of Secretaries has recommended a host of transformative ideas to manage India's energy resources through conservation and efficiency;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the group;

(c) the total energy likely to be conserved per year if all these recommendations are implemented; and

(d) the steps taken, so far, to implement the recommendations?

New norms for UMPPs

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

(a) whether the Central Government is planning to introduce new set of norms for

Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) in the country;

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

(c) whether these norms would be applicable to the existing UMPPs also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of UMPPs which have been commissioned, so far, and the status of other UMPPs which are presently under implementation, project-wise?

Closure of thermal power plants

70. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some thermal power plants, particularly in Maharashtra, have been closed due to lack of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to find other alternative ways to address the water shortage problem for generating non-stop power supply through thermal power sector?

Gas-grid connected power generation

71. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 24,150 MW gas-grid connected power generation capacity in the country, 14,305 MW capacity has currently no supply of domestic gas and it may be considered as stranded;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making sufficient supply of gas?

(c) the investment made during the last three years by these PSEs; and

(d) the investment plan for the next three years along with the funding pattern, year-wise?

Funding by REC and PFC to TNGDC

72. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) are funding Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TNGDC) for purchase of energy meters and other electricity projects;

(b) if so, the details of funding made to TNGDC by REC and PFC during the last three Financial years;

(c) whether Government has received complaints that TNGDC is not making payments for goods received from SSI units and is causing financial loss; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by REC, PFC and Government thereon?

Financial position of PSEs

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

(a) the reserve and surplus of Power Grid Corporation, Power Finance Corporation, Rural Electrification Corporation and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation during 2013, 2014 and 2015;

(b) the debt/equity ratio of these Public Sector Enterprises(PSEs), as on 31st March, 2015;

Status of NTPC unit at Ramagundam

74. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of NTPC unit at Ramagundam in Telangana;

(b) whether, as per the findings of Expert Study Committee, this is the most polluting and inefficient unit in the country;

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

(d) what plans Government has to improve the performance of this unit; and

(e) how much power is allocated by Government to Telangana from various units, unit-wise and the amount of power allocated from each of such unit?

Electrification of sub-villages in Uttarakhand

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the electrification of sub-villages in thousands of Gram Sabhas in Uttarakhand is not being done due to lack of funds;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for electrification of remote rural areas of Uttarakhand during the financial years 2013-14 to 2015-16 along with the name of the schemes;

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(c) whether additional funds would be provided by the Ministry for the electrification of sub-villages in Gram Sabhas in the State: and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New power plants

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has resolved to set up new power plants in the country to augment power generation capacity and to provide 24 hours electricity supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places in the country where these plants would be set up and the number of places in Bihar where these plants would be commissioned?

Debt of discoms

77. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total loss of discoms was ₹ 3.8 lakh crore till September, 2015;

(b) whether the total outstanding debt of discoms rose to ₹ 4.3 lakh crore till the said period;

(c) whether the discoms faced a total loss of ₹ 3.66 lakh crore during the last six years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Signing of MoUs under UDAY

78. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to come out with an Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) soon;

(b) whether Government has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with various State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether under the said MoUs, the discom staff would be accountable for thefts, meter tampering, etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Stricter emission norms for two wheelers

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

(a) whether two wheelers contribute significantly to air pollution in comparison to other vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement stricter green norms for two wheelers at the earliest and also to apply BS-VI emission standards for two wheelers also?

Emission norms for vehicles

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

(a) whether Government has ensured in-house specialists and taken the help of

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experts to suggest specifications to reduce the role of automobile manufacturers in setting emission norms for vehicles;

(b) whether Government is mandated to set emission standards for all types of motorized vehicles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Stringent norms to check non-serious players in highways

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

(a) whether Government is considering stringent norms to weed out non-serious players in highways;

(b) whether private players would be allowed to participate in fresh bidding only after they complete the ongoing projects for which they have been selected;

(c) whether NHAI has made it clear that non-performers would be declared only in cases where the failure is solely due to the concessionaire's fault; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of BS-V and BS-VI emission standards

82. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of BS-V and BS-VI emission standards for four wheelers is likely to be pushed back by a year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether details for roll out of these emission standards for two wheelers have

been unveiled with the time lines remaining 2020 and 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

IT platform for monitoring road projects

83. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created an IT platform which would contain details of all projects for better monitoring of their progress;

(b) whether most of the details of all projects have been uploaded onto the website created for the said purpose; and

(c) whether access to information of each ongoing project would also help in accelerating the pace of construction?

Loss caused due to road accidents

84. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals killed in road accidents during the last year, State-wise;

(b) whether road accidents caused by minors driving illegally have increased or decreased during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has evaluated the economic loss due to road accidents if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken measures to improve and increase road safety and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Construction of road from
Rajnandgaon to Chandrapur**

†85. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister had made an announcement on the 29th January, 2015 for construction of a road from Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh to Chandrapur via Garhchirauli:

(b) if so, the total estimated cost to be incurred on the construction of the said road; and

(c) by when the construction work of the road would be started and by when it is likely to be completed?

**Draft norms for BS-VI emission
standards**

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

(a) whether Government has released the draft norms for BS-VI emission standards for various categories of vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any suggestions or objections from the industry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(e) the time by which these norms are to be implemented?

**Restoration of loss of vegetation due
to construction of NHs**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that lot of natural vegetation is lost in the process of construction of National Highways which in turn adversely affects ecology of the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any constructive steps to restore natural vegetation in the areas where construction of National Highways was undertaken;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Announcement to extend length of
NHs in Jharkhand**

†88. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister had made an announcement to extend the length of National Highways in Jharkhand from 2600 km to 5200 km;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the existing highways in the State are not being maintained properly; and

(c) if so, the manner in which maintenance of additional road would be done?

**Accidents caused by animals on
national highways**

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

(a) whether it is fact that a lot of accidents on highways and expressways across the country happen due to presence and crossing of animals on the road;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to install roadside barricade or fencing on the highways to prevent car-animal collision on highways and expressways;

(d) the details of highways and expressways having no or inadequate fencing, State-wise; and

(e) the number of car accidents caused due to presence and crossing of animals on the highways or expressways during the last three years, State-wise?

Highways passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

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

(a) whether it is a fact that numerous highways pass through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country;

(b) if so, the details and number of such highways, State-wise;

(c) the number of accidents that have taken place and animals killed in the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries due to passing of highways;

(d) whether there are inadequate number of warning signs and bridges installed in these Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks; and

(e) the details of funds released for installing and maintaining bridges, warning signs and speed breakers in these Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks?

Land acquired for National Highways

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

(a) the area of land acquired by

Government for construction of National Highways, including the acquisition made for private companies for highway construction projects executed in Public-Private-Partnership mode since 2000, State-wise;

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

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

Delay in environmental clearance for NHs

92. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction/widening of NHs gets prolonged due to delay in getting environmental clearances;

(b) whether any of these highways cross dense forest or National Parks and if so, in how many places; and

(c) whether steps are taken to avoid destruction of forests by such means as construction of tunnels or flyovers?

Disputes pending with ISAC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many disputes pertaining to highways sector are pending before the Independent Settlement Advisory Committee (ISAC);

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve them?

Monitoring of hybrid annuity model

94. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has monitored the effectiveness of hybrid annuity model of funding highway projects;

(b) if so, the details of impact after the introduction of this model in terms of bids received, the speed of implementation of projects and the change in expenditure by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Public transport expansion in Bengaluru

95. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is supporting public transport expansion in Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assistance has been provided to Karnataka Government under Central assistance for strengthening Public Transport System scheme in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details and status of implementation of the National Level Vehicle Security and Tracking System (NLVSTS) in Bengaluru; and

(f) which other cities in Karnataka have been included in the NLVSTS programme?

Approval of highway projects

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

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

(a) the total number of highway projects approved by Government during the last one year along with the details of each project, total length, cost and the States to be benefited;

(b) whether these projects would be implemented under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) or Engineering, Procurement Construction (EPC) mode or any other mode and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schedule of completion of these projects, phase-wise and year-wise?

Bridge funds for National Highway projects

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

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

(a) whether several stretches of National Highway projects in the country are not connected for want of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Highways Authority of India has agreed to provide "bridge funds" as loan for completion of these stretches, as last-mile connectivity;

(d) whether these projects would be done in Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) or any other mode and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total estimated cost required for these projects?

Toll tax collected on National Highways in Telangana

98. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways (NHs) passing through Telangana along with the length and annual maintenance cost of each NH, NH-wise;

(b) the details of toll tax collection centres set up on each road and toll fee collected from different vehicles during the last five years, year-wise and NH-wise;

(c) the reasons for frequent revision of toll tax on above roads and how collections are shared between the State and Centre; and

(d) the details of toll collected on NH 7 during the last three years and current year, along with the details of contractors collecting toll?

Collection of toll fee from National Highways under PPP mode

99. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of toll fee collected from various National Highways constructed under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) the names of highways and toll fee collected from each of such highways during the last five years; and

(c) the names and details of various ongoing projects under PPP mode?

Rest areas on National Highways system

100. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to increase road safety in the National Highways system;

(b) whether it is a fact that no rest areas have been developed to allow truck drivers and other motorists to use at night time;

(c) what urgent measures would be taken to build such rest areas on an emergency basis along the highway system; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that NHAI has not developed sanitation and other facilities on the entire highway system?

Steps to decongest traffic

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

(a) whether Government is considering to decongest traffic in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to increase the length of National Highways from existing 96,000 kms. to two lakh kms.;

(c) whether any formula based on vehicular traffic has been worked out which may help in decongestion of traffic in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kelkar Committee's proposal for settlement of disputes in road sector

102. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee

tasked with finding solutions to the long pending disputes in public-private partnerships in road sector has called for an independent third-party resolution mechanism in a time-bound manner;

(b) whether the proposed mechanism would also have adjudicatory functions and punitive powers; and

(c) if so, the salient provisions contained in the said Committee's report that are considered more result-oriented than the present mechanism for a one-time amicable settlement involving Independent Settlement Advisory Committee?

Withdrawal of toll collection

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

(a) whether Government has directed to withdraw collection of tolls in various toll collection centres across the country;

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

(c) the details of toll collecting agencies engaged in collecting tolls in toll gates on NHs in Tamil Nadu and their contribution to NHAI during the last three years, toll gate-wise;

(d) whether the license periods of existing toll collectors in Tamil Nadu are renewed and extended by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Four laning of National Highway 91

104. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 95 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th July, 2014 and state:

(a) the present condition of the Ghaziabad-Aligarh-Kanpur National Highway No. 91;

(b) whether four laning of this highway from Ghaziabad to Aligarh has been completed;

(c) how much work has been done between Aligarh and Kanpur on the highway; and

(d) by when the remaining work would be completed?

Monetisation of toll roads/highways

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

(a) whether Government has identified certain toll roads/highways for monetisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that proceeds from such monetisation is used for new roads as well as maintenance of National Highways?

Consultation with States on draft Road Transport and Safety Bill

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

(a) whether the consultation process with States on the draft Road Transport and Safety Bill has been completed;

(b) if so, the response of the States to the draft Bill;

(c) if not, the reasons for the inordinate delay;

(d) whether Government has a provisional timeline for introduction of the said Bill in the Parliament; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Companies blacklisted by NHAI

†107. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has imposed fine on some road constructing companies for poor quality of construction and has also blacklisted them;

(b) if so, the names of these companies and the details of the amount of fine imposed on them;

(c) whether Government has waived the fine imposed on the blacklisted companies and thus removed them from the blacklist; and

(d) if so, the names of those companies which have been removed from the blacklist, along with the reasons therefor?

NHAI projects on PPP mode

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is implementing 124 highway projects on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to complete all the ongoing projects on a time-bound basis; and

(d) whether NHAI has initiated several steps to complete the projects on time?

Delay in highway projects

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

(a) whether several projects have been delayed due to NHAI's fault in providing land, clearances and shifting of municipal utilities;

(b) whether NHAI has made it clear that any concessionaire which has been slapped with penalty for at least three times for failing to maintain highway stretches would also face the risk of being barred; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Road Requirement Plan II

110. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Road Requirement Plan II would no longer be handled by the Ministry as it did not do full justice to the projects under Road Requirement Plan I, which was launched in 2009, and 30 per cent of the road network taken by it is yet to be completed;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to complete the projects it is handling at the earliest?

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Disposal of muck by NHAI

111. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that notices have been served by State Pollution Control Boards for muck disposal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NHAI has been found to have disposed it of in an unauthorized site while carrying out the work on NH 22;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether NHAI has asked its contractors to dispose it at the site designated for the purpose across the country?

Resolution of stalled/incomplete road projects

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

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

(a) the number of stalled or incomplete road construction projects which the Ministry has succeeded in resolving during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that project cost overruns in most of the cases are due to time overrun in construction of National Highways;

(c) the names of the National Highways construction projects facing the cost overrun in the last five years, project-wise and cost overrun-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure timely completion of these projects?

Training/awareness programmes on traffic management

113. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of training/awareness programmes on traffic management in the educational institutions at University level;

(b) whether such programmes are likely to be increased or conducted across the country to make awareness in the traffic management; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

Villages under PMGSY in Tamil Nadu

114. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state how many villages in Tamil Nadu are proposed to be covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2016-17?

Status of CAPART

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet had taken a decision, in September, 2013, to wind up CAPART within a span of two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal regarding restarting CAPART is pending, at present; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the reason for its winding up and the details of points suggested to start it again?

Allocation of funds under PMGSY

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

(a) the details of funds allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise, including Tamil Nadu, during the last five years; and

(b) the details and names of roads constructed under PMGSY during that period, State-wise?

Allocation of additional funds under MGNREGA

117. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional funds have been recently earmarked or allocated for the States under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA);

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

(c) by when West Bengal is going to get these funds?

Shortage of funds under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 States under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural

Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) are in negative balance and the scheme had been facing acute shortage of funds during the past several months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these States have already exhausted their funds and are shutting down the programme; and

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

Fictitious muster rolls under MGNREGA

†119. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding fictitious muster rolls under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) from some States including Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the action taken, so far, in this regard;

(c) whether Government would take steps in order to make muster roll of people, working under MGNREGA, transparent; and

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

Changes in MGNREGA

120. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the employment days under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in near future; and

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(b) what other changes Government proposes to incorporate in the scheme to improve the living conditions of the rural poor?

Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

121. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently launched Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) to develop villages as urban growth centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many villages are proposed to be covered under SPMRM in Maharashtra along with their details?

Release of funds under MGNREGA

122. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total wage liability pending as on date for 2015-16 under MGNREGA, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has released ₹12,000 crore for MGNREGA after adverse remarks by the Supreme Court against the Central Government for not releasing adequate funds for rural job scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds Government has released under MGNREGA during 2016-17, State-wise; and

(d) the details of job days provided to MGNREGA job card holders during

2015-16 and 2016-17, so far, along with the number of existing job card holders in the country, State-wise?

Villages included under SAGY

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

(a) the number of villages included, so far, under the Saansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), State-wise; and

(b) whether Government is planning to provide any exclusive fund for SAGY?

Revision of MGNREGA wages

†124. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for the current financial year have been revised by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new revised rate of remuneration is less than the minimum remuneration in many States, as a result of which the States are facing a situation of indecisiveness in implementing the new rates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation Policy for displaced people

125. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a Rehabilitation Policy drafted in 2007 which

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

is applied to all displaced people in the country;

(b) if so, what is the special place given to school-going children in this policy; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the school-going children are not deprived of due financial packages under this policy?

Construction of dwelling units under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

126. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to build over 1 crore dwelling units for rural poor during the next three financial years spending ₹ 81,795 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana;

(b) whether this ambitious project would be funded from budgetary allocations to the extent of ₹ 60,000 crore and NABARD would provide the additional support;

(c) whether Government would opt for pre-fabrication of these dwelling units to lower the costs and to provide a spurt in rural employment taking up the manufacture of bricks under MGNREGA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special schemes for development of poor and backward classes

127. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from Uttar Pradesh during the last two years pending for approval of the Central Government, as on date;

(b) whether any special schemes regarding overall development of poor and backward classes of the State are contemplated by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in nax-affected areas

128. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to build roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in naxal-affected areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is working on an ambitious plan for seamless connectivity between 10 naxal affected States and is all set to launch the Road Requirement Plan II; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Issue of job cards under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether the Ministry has directed all the State Governments to issue job cards under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to all those households which have been reported deprived according to Socio-Economic Caste Census;

(b) if so, how many fresh job cards have been issued, so far, to deprived households, State-wise;

(c) what directions have been issued by the Ministry to the State Governments to

tackle the problem of delayed payments under MGNREGA; and

(d) what is the current percentage of delayed payments under MGNREGA?

Change in employment norms under MGNREGA

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

Will the Ministry of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would consider the proposal for providing employment to every willing person in place of guarantee of employment for 100 days to every family under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) so that adequate opportunities of employment could be provided in villages;

(b) whether the compulsion of providing employment for 100 days to only one person even if there are four adults in a family puts a question mark on the basic objective and the commitment to provide employment under MGNREGA; and

(c) if so, the status thereof?

Implementation of DDUGKY

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth registered for skill development programme, so far, under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDUGKY);

(b) the number of youth trained under DDUGKY, so far, and how many of them have been facilitated to get a job;

(c) when DDUGKY was started and the amount allocated and used therefor, so far; and

(d) the number of States/districts included under DDUGKY?

SARAS fairs

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'SARAS Fairs' organised during the last five years in which various rural organization/people got an opportunity to display/sell their products;

(b) the details of funds spent by the Ministry on these fairs during that period and the amount received against the stalls provided to participants for taking part in these fairs; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the rural organizations/people have to bear high costs to take part in these 'fairs' and have to incur loss due to meagre sale of products?

Rural Development Report

133. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Rural Development Report has been released recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and of the basis on which it has come to the conclusion that only 7 per cent of the people in the country are in extreme poverty;

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(c) whether the World Bank has proposed a new way to measure poverty;

(d) whether any assessment has been made about the rural poverty in occupational groups; and

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

Landless and homeless people

134. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of landless and homeless people residing in rural and backward areas of the country, as on date, State/UT wise;

(b) the details of programmes/schemes being implemented to improve the conditions of landless farmers/labourers, homeless people and quantum of funds allocated and its utilization reported in this regard during each of the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has reviewed/ proposes to review the performance of the said programmes/schemes; and

(d) if so, the details and outcomes thereof and the other steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Construction of toilets under MGNREGA

135. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 27 lakh toilets in houses built under the Indira Awaas Yojana would come from MGNREGA works this year;

(b) whether Government is considering to provide funds from MGNREGA for

solid waste management and waste collection;

(c) whether aligning of the scheme with MGNREGA has already begun at places in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana where the State Governments have accepted the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Use of MGNREGA workers for solid waste management

136. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to use workers of MGNREGA for collecting waste from households and work in solid waste management plants;

(b) whether Government is looking at ways MGNREGA workers would be used for works in all 500 villages where the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana is being implemented; and

(c) whether the officials are closely studying the implementation of sanitation schemes in Tamil Nadu that has been using MGNREGA workers to segregate and collect wastes from households, composts and send it to solid waste management plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Socio-Economic Caste Census

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

(a) the objectives of Socio-Economic Caste Census, 2011;

(b) by when the final version of SECC, 2011 would be released;

(c) the population of OBCs in the country according to SECC 2011, State-wise;

(d) whether the list of beneficiaries under various programmes and schemes is likely to shrink in the aftermath of SECC and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government proposes to review the criteria laid down for census for better targeting of Government schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Waterway between Varanasi and Haldia

138. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering waterway on a 1,620 kilometer stretch on the Ganga between Varanasi and Haldia and 30 water ports would be constructed there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Varanasi, Haldia and Sahibganj would be developed as multi modal hubs with roadways, waterways and railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sagarmala Project

139. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state what are the salient features of Sagarmala Project?

Handling of iron ore and coal at Chennai port

140. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to revive handling of iron ore and coal at Chennai port ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Demands of shipping industry

141. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shipping industry has demanded that Government should provide them a level playing field with Government owned ports, relaxation of tariff rules, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to help the industry to come out of its lean period ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Developing inland waterways in Odisha

142. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by the Inland Waterways Authority of India to develop inland waterways in Odisha which has a long coastal line in the country;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any representation from the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the updated status of further action taken by the Central Government on the representation; and

(d) the details of funds already allocated/ proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

Development of Chabahar port in Iran

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

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accorded approval to provide credit from EXIM Bank for the development of Chabahar port in Iran;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of benefits India is going to get due to development of the port; and

(d) by what time, the project is expected to be completed and become operational?

Revamping of Kolkata port and Haldia Dock

144. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is preparing a plan to invest and revamp Kolkata port and Haldia Dock to boost industrial and commercial business in West Bengal?

Modernisation of ports

145. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to modernise the ports to international standards ;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds released/spent for this purpose during the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan periods, State-wise and port-wise ; and

(c) if not, by when the modernisation of ports would be completed?

Development of Puducherry lighthouse as tourist attraction centre

146. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:
Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Puducherry lighthouse is one of the 78 lighthouses identified for development as a centre of tourist attraction in the country;

(b) whether any request from the prospective developers has been called to develop the above lighthouse; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be completed?

Proposal for development of Chabahar port

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

(a) whether any proposal relating to the development of Chabahar port in Iran is under active consideration of Government;

(b) whether it would give India a sea land access route to Afghanistan bypassing Pakistan, if this proposal is cleared by Government;

(c) what would be the cost of the project; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Foreign help in cleaning Ganga

148. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign countries have offered their help for cleaning river Ganga in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far India has availed of their help in the matter?

Cleaning of Ganga

†149. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any project for cleaning of Ganga from Gangotri to Bay of Bengal;

(b) if so, the names of institutions, which have been given work under this project and time-limit fixed for it;

(c) the provision for expenses under this project; and

(d) the details of works being undertaken under this project?

Linking of Godavari with Krishna

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of Government of Andhra Pradesh linking river Godavari with river Krishna within a span of one year;

(b) whether this could be taken up as motivation and quicken the process of linking of other rivers in the country; and

(c) the status of projects that are proposed to link various rivers in the

country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

Drive to clean Ganga

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

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to many experts, the drive to clean Ganga has remained cosmetic, so far, as there was no engineering solution in place;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that river Ganga is getting more polluted day by day and places along the river are becoming dirty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sewage treatment capacity in Ganga Basin States

152. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present total sewage generation and sewage treatment capacity in the 11 Ganga Basin States;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to bridge the gap between sewage generated and sewage treatment capacity of Ganga Basin States and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the further steps taken by Government for mandatory sewage treatment in Ganga Basin States?

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Delay in completion of sewage treatment plants

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the inordinate delay in completion of sewage treatment plants along the river Ganga; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Availability of water

154. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has expressed its apprehension over rising pressure on availability of water due to increasing population, fast increasing requirement of people and climate change along with worsening crisis of water among different States;

(b) if so, whether Government has worked out any action plan to tackle this issue;

(c) whether the Central Water Commission has launched a project regarding collection of data about water resource management with the help of National Remote Sensing Centre of ISRO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recharging of ground water level in Telangana

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards severe depletion of underground water level across Telangana; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take up any new water conservation programme in the State and help farmers to recharge the ground water level?

Agreement with World Bank for development of irrigation projects

156. SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and the World Bank for development of irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details of agreements signed during each of the last two years along with the quantum of funds released/utilized, as on date, State/project-wise; and

(c) the time by which the balance funds, if any, are likely to be released and implementation of ongoing projects is completed?

Research in water management and its conservation technology

157. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

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

(a) whether Government is encouraging research in the fields of water management and its conservation technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in these fields during the last three years;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a water university; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Prevention of polluted and toxic water flow into Ganga

†158. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan to prevent polluted and toxic water emanating from factories etc. flowing into Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time limit by which it has to be completed;

(c) the steps being taken to set up water

treatment plants under this action plan and the time by which it would be completed; and

(d) the funds allocated to achieve this target and the number of plants proposed to be set up every year?

Status of Namami Gange project

159. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state what the present status of Namami Gange project is?

Irrigation projects in AP under AIBP

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 10 irrigation projects taken up under AIBP in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the status of each of the above projects, project-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that not even a single penny has been released to the above projects during the last three years *i.e.* since 2012-13;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government is going to complete each of the above projects at this pace?

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Secretary-General.

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