

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

Coal production

702. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited (CIL) is considering a slowdown in production of coal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the subsidiaries of CIL are geared up to take up the coal production to higher levels but the stock accumulating at their pitheads is a major constraining factor which is not permitting them to produce further;

(c) whether over burden removal was an all time high during 2015-16 with 265.63 million cubic metres more than the previous fiscal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Export of coal to other countries

703. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Ltd.(CIL), for

the first time, is in a position to export coal to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of coal proposed to be exported and the foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result thereof along with the names of countries to which coal is proposed to be exported; and

(d) the total coal produced by CIL during the previous financial year *vis-a-vis* its domestic demand and the target of coal production fixed for the current financial year?

Development of captive coal blocks in Odisha

704. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the developers of captive coal blocks allocated/auctioned during the last two financial years have started producing coal;

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

(c) the time by which the developers have been asked to develop coal blocks and start mining of coal;

(d) whether any of the developers, particularly in Odisha, has requested for extension of time for developing the block and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how Government is helping the developers in getting various clearances?

Targets and achievements of the Ministry

705. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of the Ministry during the last two years;

(b) whether the presentation has been made before the Prime Minister about the Ministry's achievements during that period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and the areas where it has excelled;

(e) the targets set for the coming three years and the roadmap to achieve the same;

(f) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and the suggestions made to overcome them; and

(g) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on during the coming three years?

Permission for drilling in non-CIL blocks through MECL

706. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has given

permission for drilling in non-CIL blocks through the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the study is likely to be completed?

Accidents in coal mines

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

(a) whether the Central Government has laid adequate rules and norms for providing compensation and extended treatment facilities for the number of accidents resulting in injury to mine workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of accidents which were fatal or resulted in permanent disablement of workers in coal mines including the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.;

(c) the amount of compensation disbursed in each of these cases of injury, year-wise and mine-wise; and

(d) the protection and precautionary methods to avoid any accidents or mishaps occurring in various coal mines and to improve the safety of workers?

Revenue generation from re-allocation of coal blocks

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

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

(b) if so, the details of revenue generated through re-allocation of coal blocks, till date, coal block-wise;

(c) whether Government has ensured

re-allocation of coal blocks to various sectors like power, cement, etc. supporting capacity of about 70,000 MW through auction/allocation after the cancellation of 204 coal blocks by the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the capacity details of each of the coal blocks re-allocated and the coal blocks ready for re-allocation during the next two years?

Capital funds on CMPS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the capital funds on Coal Mines Pension Scheme (CMPS) are exhausting;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government is planning to recoup the funds so that the coal mine workers are ensured pension scheme?

E-auctioning policy of coal mines

710. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the e-auctioning policy of coal mines have achieved the revenue targets of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the total funds collected, along with their utilization status?

Disputes between Ministries regarding allocation of coal blocks

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

(a) whether there is a dispute between

the Ministries of Coal and Power regarding allocation of 7 coal blocks; what is the present status of these coal blocks and by when the work on these coal blocks is likely to be commenced;

(b) in which States these coal blocks are located and whether applications have been made with regard to these blocks to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for their clearance; and

(c) whether the Ministry is considering to bring back these coal blocks and whether the Ministry of Power has the right of sanctioning these blocks?

Coal stock at power utilities

712. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power utilities are sitting over around 36 million tonnes of coal ending April, 2016 against 29 million tonnes last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the current coal stock accretion at the power utilities is the highest in four years;

(c) whether accumulating coal stocks is risky as they are combustible, pose environmental hazard and lose quality if left exposed for long; and

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

Providing safe drinking water to people in rural areas

713. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many States are there in the country which have villages with a

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population of 1,000 or more where there is no safe drinking water and the villagers have to go miles to fetch safe drinking water;

(b) what plans Government has to provide safe drinking water to every villages in the country and by when; and

(c) whether Government would consider tying up with NGOs who are into providing safe drinking water to people in rural and remote areas, for speeding up the process of providing safe drinking water where it is not available?

Providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities

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

(a) how many people in the country did not get safe drinking water in 2015 and how many of them in urban areas;

(b) what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) by when Government expects to overcome it;

(d) how many people did not have satisfactory sanitation facilities at the end of 2015; and

(e) how many of them would have to be provided it at Government expenses?

Central projects for clean drinking water in Telangana

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

(a) the details of Central projects pertaining to clean drinking water being executed in Telangana, district-wise;

(b) the details of projects submitted by

the State Government for drinking water during the last two years, year-wise, district-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether all the projects have been executed; and

(d) if not, the details of projects that are pending and the step taken by the Ministry to execute/clear the pendency of projects?

Targets and achievements of the Ministry

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

(a) the details of achievements of the Ministry during the last two years;

(b) whether the presentation, before the Prime Minister, has been made about the Ministry's achievements during that period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and the areas where it has excelled;

(e) the targets set for the coming three years and the roadmap to achieve the same;

(f) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and the suggestions made to overcome them; and

(g) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on during the coming three years?

Contaminated drinking water in Eastern and North Eastern States

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

(a) whether it is a fact that almost entire

eastern and north-eastern States are suffering from high level of contaminated drinking water being extracted from ground water;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps towards supply of safe drinking water there; and

(c) the proposals of Government to diffuse contamination and/or make treated supply of drinking water there?

Provisions of potable drinking water, sanitation and toilet facilities in villages

718. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any target for the next three years, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the provisions of potable drinking water, sanitation and toilet facilities to villages across the country;

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

(c) whether the Central Government has ensured the provisions of adequate funds for State Governments for implementing the schemes of the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided during the last three years, State-wise?

Works under NRDWP

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

(a) whether during the year 2015-16, many State Governments have taken up the works under the National Rural Drinking

Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) whether NRDWP is being implemented on a sharing basis with the share of Central and State Governments therein;

(c) whether many State Governments have demanded release of Centre's share, at the earliest;

(d) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Government to release a sum of ₹ 926.23 crore under NRDWP; and

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

Problem of fluoride contamination in drinking water in Himachal Pradesh

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

(a) whether the problem of fluoride contamination in drinking water has been reported in many States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of habitations affected by fluorosis in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to mitigate the problem of contamination in drinking water?

Establishment of water quality testing laboratories

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

(a) the number of Water Quality Testing Laboratories (WQTLs) existing in the

country, as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a WQTL exists in each district of the country and if not, the steps taken by Government to set up a WQTL in each district of the country;

(c) whether Government proposes to establish WQTLs in all the districts of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be established?

Installation of hand pumps under NRDWP

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

(a) the criteria prescribed for installation of hand pumps under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in the country including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the total number of hand pumps installed during each of the last three years and the current year along with the amount spent thereon in that State, district-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide safeguards against harmful contents found in ground water by installing automated filtering instruments in hand pumps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of toilets under SBM-G

723. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 2015-16 several lakhs of individual household toilets have been constructed across the country under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government is yet to release its shares to the State Governments for implementation of the said scheme;

(d) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for release of Central's share for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 amounting to ₹ 602.02 crores; and

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

Providing toilets to all houses by SAGY

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

(a) whether Government has provided toilets to all houses of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) villages of the country before the first phase of SAGY is over; and

(b) if not, the details of Government's plan to provide toilets to all houses of SAGY panchayats, if any?

Piped drinking water supply to all SAGY Villages

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

(a) the status of piped drinking water supply to all Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) villages of the country; and

(b) if all the SAGY villages are not yet provided with the piped drinking water and the 1st Phase of SAGY is over, what is the next plan of Government about piped drinking water supply to SAGY villages, if any?

Toilet facilities in rural areas

†726. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the facility of toilets is not available to 60 per cent of people in rural areas; and

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

Use of solar/wind technology for water purification systems

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

(a) whether Government proposes to use natural energy *viz.* solar/wind technology for water purification systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Water Quality Testing Laboratories set up to enhance availability of more purified drinking water to the public along with their current operational status in the country including Maharashtra, State/UT-wise?

Time taken for forest clearance

728. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average time taken for granting forest clearance has been reduced from 430 days to 200 days;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for no targeted time bound clearance system; and

(c) the details of projects pending due

to environmental clearance in Karnataka, Odisha and Jharkhand?

Permission on Rajasthan mines

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

(a) the number of mines closed in Rajasthan on account of permission not granted by the Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry has granted the permission to re-open those mines; and

(c) if so, the date of giving permission and if not, the reasons therefor?

New Forest Policy

†730. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the new Forest Policy would be implemented;

(b) the steps the Ministry is taking regarding checking the utilization of forest land for other purposes and the amount which has been spent by companies working in forest areas for the safety of environment and the results thereof; and

(c) the area of land that has been allocated to the private sector from the forest land utilised after 1980, State-wise?

Forest diversion for capital city in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) what are the reasons for not clearing

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the proposal of the Andhra Pradesh Government in spite of Central Government's decision to allow forest diversion for creation of State's new capital city; and

(b) the details sought by the Ministry from the State Government and the response of State Government on each such details?

National policy on polythene bags

732. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the national policy with regard to the use of polythene bags;

(b) how the Minister proposes to deal with the menace of plastic/polythene waste;

(c) how many States have strictly banned the use of polythene bags;

(d) whether there is any possibility of banning the use of polythene bags completely throughout the country, in order to protect its environment; and

(e) if so, by when it would be implemented, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Polluted river stretches in Telangana

733. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Godavari, Krishna, Manjeera, Musi, Nakkavagu, Sabari and Maner river stretches in Telangana have been identified as polluted stretches;

(b) if so, when the above stretches have

been identified and what action the Ministry has taken so far to reduce/remove pollution from the above stretches;

(c) the amount sanctioned, released and spent under the National River Conservation Plan to remove pollution from the above stretches; and

(d) whether any international assistance has been received to remove pollution from the above stretches?

Loss of prime forest

734. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lost 2,511 sq. km. of prime forest;

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

(c) whether any plan is afoot to plant long lasting trees like sal, mehguni, banyan, neem, etc. alongside all the National Highways of the country to arrest soil erosion, encroachment and pollution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

New definition of forest

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has come out with a new definition of forest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of various consultations which took place to arrive at this definition;

(d) the details of areas which would be excluded from this new definition; and

(e) how this definition is different from the definition drafted in the year 2014 after consultations with States?

Conservation of wetlands

736. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of wetland in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware of disappearance and the encroachment of these wetlands by unscrupulous elements;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken for protection, conservation and preservation of wetlands in the country?

Population of tigers

737. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of tigers in the country;

(b) whether India subscribes to the goal of doubling the tiger population by 2020;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the initiatives being taken by Government under the Project Tiger programme?

Loss of forest cover

738. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of forest cover lost for Government and private projects during the last ten years, State-wise;

(b) whether the land near forests and mountains is being acquired in a large scale in metropolitan cities like Pune and Gurgaon for building houses;

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

(d) the steps taken to protect such land from the clutches of land mafia?

Capacity of GBPNIHESD

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

(a) whether Government proposes to augment the capacity of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development (GBPNIHESD) in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned and utilized for this project?

Protection of Gangetic dolphins

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the population of Gangetic dolphins is decreasing rapidly;

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

(c) the remedial measures adopted for protecting them?

Proposal for a wildlife network

741. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed any wildlife network as South Asian Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the key objectives and the important steps proposed to be taken regarding the aforesaid network?

Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation

742. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conference named as Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation has been held in the recent past in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how it would help in ensuring tiger conservation and reducing poaching incidents in forests?

Smuggling of animal parts

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

(a) whether there is an increase in smuggling of skins, bones and horns of endangered animals and species to other countries in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has plans to enact stringent law to check such types of smuggling in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the approximate number of animals killed in different national parks of the country during the last three years?

Population of wild animals

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

(a) the population of tigers, cubs and other wild animals in various reserve forests and in Kanha National Park of Madhya Pradesh, in particular;

(b) how many incidents of tiger deaths were reported during the last one year and since January, 2016;

(c) whether any representations have been received from wildlife conservationists and enthusiasts for the protection of tigers in Kanha, including 15-year old tiger called Munna;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken to protect wild animals in the reserved forest areas?

Poaching of tigers

745. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY: SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

(a) the population of tigers in the country, as per latest survey, State-wise;

(b) the deaths of tigers due to poaching during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that 74 tigers died in first half of 2016 as poaching rises; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken to save tigers from poaching?

Setting up of a forest academy in Rajamahendravaram

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up a forest academy in Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made, so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Effects of mining on environment

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

(a) whether Government has done any study regarding the effects of mining on environment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to address such environmental issues caused by mines?

Implementation of NMEP

748. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1231

given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 2016 and state:

(a) the amount estimated for implementing the National Mineral Exploration Policy (NMEP) during the next five years and the mode of funding;

(b) whether the National Geo-scientific Data Repository would be created to provide baseline data for targeting concealed mineral deposits;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many blocks have been identified for auctioning in the first phase, along with details?

Auctioning of blocks to private explorers

749. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1231 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 2016 and state:

(a) whether Government proposes to auction non-coal and non-fuel blocks to private explorers;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions laid down in this regard; and

(c) the number and details of such blocks auctioned, so far, or proposed to be auctioned in Odisha?

Target of electricity from solar energy

750. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India intends to tap 100 GW of electricity from solar energy in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details of present solar electricity generation and the measures being adopted to achieve this ambitious target?

Subsidy for integrated solar manufacturing units

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to create a fund for distribution subsidy to encourage companies to set up integrated solar manufacturing units in the country;

(b) if so, the details of proposals and the time frame for its implementation;

(c) whether Government has revised the target of National Solar Mission; and

(d) what would be the contribution through grid connected solar rooftop systems to the target of NSM?

Plans of solar energy

†752. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans made by Government to generate solar energy in various States including Uttar Pradesh and Assam;

(b) the details of plans being implemented by Government in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has provided any financial assistance to the State Governments for implementation of these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved therefrom, State-wise?

Wind power projects

753. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the wind power projects taken up in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the power generation in mega watts by these projects during that period, State-wise;

(c) the expenditure thereof during that period, project-wise; and

(d) the number of projects under private entity, State-wise?

Target of rooftop solar energy

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

(a) whether Government is committed to develop rooftop solar energy in the country by 2022 and if so, the targets set for achieving its ambitious target;

(b) whether the current policy is conducive to achieve the set targets and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of incentives currently provided and planned to increase;

(d) whether it is a fact that, as per the available reports, the present policies and incentives are not sufficient to achieve the expected targets and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to achieve its set targets by 2022?

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Agreement of World Bank with ISA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has made an agreement with the India-led International Solar Alliance (ISA) to support Indian initiatives for expanded solar power generation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way the World Bank help is proposed to be utilized to expand the solar energy generation programme in the country?

Financial health of Panchayats

756. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial health of Panchayats in Maharashtra and rest of the country is precarious;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to improve it?

Programmes for Panchayati Raj System

†757. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of programmes have been formulated in the country for Panchayati Raj System and its development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether country would not progress until all the Panchayats are strengthened; and

(d) whether it has been decided to implement the Panchayati Raj System in letter and spirit and if so, the details thereof?

Lack of resources in Panchayats

758. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of resources had triggered unrest in panchayats nation-wide;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a fear about the longevity of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and the failure of various Government policies, including Swachh Bharat Mission;

(c) whether, due to paucity and delay of funds, panchayats were unable to implement many schemes; and

(d) if so, whether Government is considering to take appropriate action to revive PRIs across the country?

Budget allocation for village Panchayats

†759. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether an adequate enhancement in budget allocation has been made by the Central Government for village Panchayats during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is monitoring, on its own level, to ensure that allocated budget amount is spent for targeted works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Districts covered under BRGF

760. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts that are at present covered under the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total funds allocated and the funds utilised during the last four years;

(c) the details of assets created in these districts by the Municipalities/Panchayats during the last two years; and

(d) whether the State has submitted any proposal for increasing the number of districts under BRGF or funds required in the backward districts?

Special category status to States

761. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to give special category status to some of the most under-developed smaller States in the country;

(b) whether Jharkhand figures in the list of such States for providing special package and special status; and

(c) if so, the details and the justifications thereof?

Release of plan funds to Uttarakhand

†762. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Plan funds for the fiscal

year 2016-17 has been released to Uttarakhand;

(b) if not, the reasons for not providing the funds to the State, so far;

(c) whether the development of the State would be adversely affected due to plan funds being not available in time; and

(d) if not, in what manners?

Revisiting NITI Aayog concept

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

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has failed to be either a think tank or an advisory body since its inception;

(b) if so, whether Government would revisit the NITI Aayog concept; and

(c) if not, the areas where NITI Aayog has made an impact and the details thereof?

Reforms in power sector

764. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reforms initiated by Government in power sector since 2014;

(b) what has been the performance of State Power utilities during the last three years;

(c) whether States with highest losses are those where tariffs fail to cover average costs;

(d) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to correct the situation?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Bailing out of thermal and hydro power plants

765. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on measures to bail out thermal and hydro power plants which are facing cost and time overruns and do not have adequate funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the problem and to bring improvement in power sector?

Power deficit States

766. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified power deficit States in the country;

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

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to remove power deficit in these States within a time-frame?

Electricity provided to small and marginal farmers

767. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister is aware of the fact that the small and the marginal farmers are suffering due to shortage of power in Odisha;

(b) how the Minister proposes to provide relief to such farmers; and

(c) whether the Minister would consider to provide electricity at subsidized rates for

use by small and marginal farmers for farming purposes?

Power situation in the country

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

(a) what was the demand for power in the country during 2015-16;

(b) how much was the supply;

(c) whether there was unutilized power overall and if so, the quantum thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of people having no power connection at the end of March, 2016, and the reasons for the mismatch; and

(e) when Government expects to overcome it and the expected total expenditure thereon?

Revival of discoms under UDAY

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

(a) the amount of debts due from power distribution companies at the end of financial year 2015-16, discom-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) how many States have agreed to join the Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) and whether it is likely to increase the financial burden on State Governments;

(c) what would be the Centre's contribution in UDAY;

(d) whether any steps other than UDAY have been tried in the recent past to revive discoms; and

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

Savings due to power trade among SAARC nations

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

(a) whether a recent study by a team of World Bank economists States that regional trade in power among SAARC nations can spare India from investing in 35,000 MW coalfired capacities at estimated \$ 26 billion over the next twenty years;

(b) whether the study covers all SAARC nations except Maldives on the feasibility of India replacing thermal power with hydro power to be sourced mostly from Nepal followed by Bhutan and Afghanistan; and

(c) what are the other salient findings of the study related to India's future power scenario?

Power purchase capacity of State discoms

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

(a) whether the State discoms are unable to buy power due to their poor financial health;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is being done to improve their financial status; and

(d) whether Government proposes for a robust power pricing system in coming days?

Fall in PLF

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

(a) whether the power generation had

increased by more than 8 per cent during the last year;

(b) whether the Plant Load Factor (PLF) dropped by more than 60 per cent;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effort made to correct such a situation?

Health effect of LED bulbs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that sometimes back the Ministry had sold LED bulbs at subsidized rates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in a study by American Medical Association, recently it has been found that the blue light of LED bulbs can cause serious disruption in sleep cycle and also have deleterious effects on eye sights; and

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

Targets under DDUGJY

774. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), State-wise;

(b) how far these targets have been met, so far; and

(c) the steps taken to accelerate electrification of all the villages in the country?

Connecting southern States with Northern Grid

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

(a) the present status of connecting

Southern States with Northern Power Grid;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work is nearing completion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Fall in electricity generation

776. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electricity generation in India suffered an alarming reduction in March, 2016; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to improve the said situation?

Distribution of LED bulbs under Ujala

†777. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LED bulbs proposed to be given to the people in the country under the Ujala scheme of Government and the number of such bulbs proposed to be given to each person;

(b) the number of people benefited from this scheme, till date and the number of bulbs distributed, so far; and

(c) the number of bulbs proposed to be given in Gujarat, person-wise and to how many people and the number of bulbs distributed there so far?

Hydro power potential of NER

778. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated potential of North Eastern Region (NER) in the hydro power sector;

(b) the quantum of such potential of NER tapped, so far, State-wise;

(c) how many projects in Government and private sector are currently in operation in NER, name-wise and State-wise and how many are in the pipeline;

(d) how many of these projects are delayed; and

(e) what special efforts are being made by Government to tap the vast potential of hydro electricity in NER?

Incomplete hydro power projects

779. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many developers of hydro power projects have left the project in between even after spending crores of rupees on the projects;

(b) what are the reasons that these developers are leaving these projects;

(c) whether the developers are finding that the business psychology is against the development of hydro power projects; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor and what efforts are being made by Government to build confidence in the developers in favour of hydro power generation?

Electrification of villages

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

(a) the number of villages electrified in the country during the last two years;

(b) the number of villages awaiting electrification in the country;

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(c) the number of villages electrified in Madhya Pradesh during the last two years, district-wise; and

(d) the number of villages awaiting electrification in that State, district-wise?

Rural electrification in Bihar and Jharkhand

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

(a) whether the villages are being electrified in Jharkhand and Bihar under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);

(b) if so, the details of amount released, district-wise and the number of villages electrified so far during the tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of districts and villages which are scheduled to be electrified during the twelfth Five Year Plan as on date and the estimated expenditure thereon?

Financial assistance to Goa

782. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving financial assistance to the Goa Government for improving or augmenting the energy needs of the State;

(b) the assistance, if any, given or proposed to be given to the State Government; and

(c) what are the names of the schemes under which Government has given or proposes to give financial assistance or other assistance to the State Government, the details thereof?

Extension of deadline for implementation of UDAY

783. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved an extension in the deadline for implementation of Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) by a year to March 31, 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has achieved the aims and objectives of this scheme, so far and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the States have done their own financial restructuring before joining the scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of States that have given in-principle approval to join the scheme, so far?

Electrification of villages in Rajasthan

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

(a) the number of villages and 'dhanis' in Rajasthan shortlisted for connection with power lines and the total funds sanctioned for this purpose;

(b) whether all the dhanis in Jodhpur district of that State would be connected with power lines by the end of this year; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Power shortage in Delhi

785. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCT of Delhi touched a record power consumption of 6,260 MW recently and faced frequent outages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any concrete plan for providing uninterrupted power supply in Delhi in a timebound manner and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the provisions for meeting higher peak demand in the coming years?

Bringing hydro power under ambit of renewable energy

786. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring hydro power under the ambit of renewable energy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposal is likely to improve harnessing of hydro power to the desirable levels and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received any proposal in this regard and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Study on cost of power generation

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

(a) whether any comparative study has been done about the cost of power generation in hydro-electric, thermal,

atomic and new and renewable energy sources in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Status of proposals for setting up power projects

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

(a) the details of proposals received by Government for setting up of power projects in States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals sanctioned during the above period and those still pending for approval with Government;

(c) the reasons for pendency of the proposals; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved by Government?

Payments made to fake workers under MGNREGA

†789. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has in its audit found that payments were made on a large scale in the name of fake workers under MGNREGA in various States including Assam;

(b) the details of payments made under MGNREGA in various States in a fake manner during the last three years; and

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(c) the effects of steps taken to check the fraud in MGNREGA?

Incomplete National Highways

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on to connect each State of the country through National Highways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many National Highways of the country are incomplete;

(c) the number of National Highways in Bihar which have been sanctioned since many years but the condition of those roads is deteriorating as the works on such roads are left incomplete; and

(d) by when the above works are proposed to be completed?

Abandoning of works by contractors

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

(a) whether it is a fact that those contractors who were awarded contracts by NHAI for the construction of Lucknow-Kanpur, Bareilly-Lucknow, Lucknow-Varanasi, etc., roads have left the work due to which the work is held up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the actual reasons of obstruction in the construction of above roads?

Repair and Maintenance of NHs in Rajasthan

†792. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT

AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by the Central Government for repair and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in Rajasthan during the last five years; and

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to include the proposals for repair work of the stretches left unrepaired due to construction of bye-passes on National Highways in the annual plan for 2016-17 and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Delhi-Jaipur Expressway

†793. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Finance had announced the construction of Delhi-Jaipur Expressway in his Budget speech 2006-07; and

(b) the details of action taken by Government till date with regard to the construction of said Expressway and by when the said work would commence?

Conversion of diesel taxis into electric taxis

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

(a) whether Government has taken several measures to reduce vehicular pollution across the country, including the National Capital Region;

(b) whether Government is considering to convert diesel vehicles, particularly taxis, into electric ones involving ₹ 75,000 to ₹ 1.25 lakh extra investment;

(c) whether Government had consultations/meetings with technology

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firms to look into conversion of diesel vehicles into electric ones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Safety measures on National Highways

795. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accidents including the loss of lives on National Highways during the last five years, State-wise including district-wise details for West Bengal;

(b) the details of safety measures put in place to prevent such accidents along with the details of relief measures in cases of accidents;

(c) the details of existing set of mobile ambulances, including air ambulances, on service on National Highways, State-wise;

(d) whether the Ministry proposes to initiate a National Highway Patrolling and Monitoring Force to prevent accidents on National Highways; and

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

Shortage of skilled workers for road construction

796. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, due to non-availability of skilled workers, the construction of Highways is being delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to train the construction workers and if so, the details thereof?

Financial closure of road projects

797. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many road projects have reached the financial closure during the last two years;

(b) what types of modes of delivery, *e.g.* Hybrid Annuity Model, BOT, etc., for implementing the highways projects are currently in use;

(c) whether there are any challenges faced by the Ministry in such modes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the top three issues faced by private developers in such projects, if any, and what initiatives have been taken to address such issues?

Steps to reduce fatal road accidents

798. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total number of persons involved in fatal road accidents during the last three years in India and out of these how many were in Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to spend ₹ 11,000 crore over 5 years to fix black accident spots, correcting road designs addressing engineering issues and building underpasses and flyovers; and

(c) if so, how many such black spots and other locations, where corrective steps are planned, have been identified in Jharkhand?

National highways in Jharkhand

799. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of each National Highway in Jharkhand and the length of roads which are in poor condition, as compared to the standards of maintenance, National Highway-wise;

(b) whether six-lane National Highway No. 2 is being constructed on unstable land at some places despite availability of an alternative option, contrary to the expert opinion and the opposition by general public;

(c) whether the Central Government has allocated funds to Jharkhand for development and improvement of National Highways during the last three years; and

(d) the measures taken to improve them upto the standard level?

Ring road projects in cities

800. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up/initiated to take up ring road projects around various cities of the country by providing special funds/budgetary allocations;

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

(c) what are other steps taken/being taken by Government to develop roads around cities in the country?

Special methods for construction of roads

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

(a) whether the plan for landing of all types of aircrafts on roads is under consideration and if so, the locations being considered for construction of such types of roads;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering to construct the roads by special methods; and

(c) whether all the security measures have been taken into account before initiating such a practice and if so, the details thereof?

Under-construction NHs in Rajasthan

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

(a) the number of National Highways (NHs) under construction in Rajasthan, at present;

(b) whether the construction work of these NHs is not being completed, within the prescribed time limit; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the agencies responsible for non-completion of works in time and the action being taken against them?

Phasing out of old vehicles

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

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

(a) whether Government has assured the Supreme Court that it would come out with a policy to phase out all four wheelers that were ten-to-fifteen years old to combat rising air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the draft policy would be made available to the public;

(c) whether Government has made any study on the emission levels of various diesel cars like SUVs and luxury cars and if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) if not, whether Government would commission any expert study group to find out the emission levels of various diesel cars?

Reduction in man-days under MGNREGA

†804. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reduced the yearly man-days for each person with regard to employment guarantee under MGNREGA;

(b) if so, the gap between man-days determined, at present and those determined earlier;

(c) the number of man-days fixed for each person annually, at present and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the man-days have been curtailed, in view of unsatisfactory performance under MGNREGA?

Delay in payment of wages under MGNREGA

805. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 65 per cent of all wage payments under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was delayed;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the cost incurred due to delay in compensation payable to workers?

Development of villages under SAGY

806. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of development, in terms of power, jobs, infrastructure and usable and functional toilets, in villages adopted by various MPs under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), till date?

Gram Shree Melas

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

(a) whether Government has partnered with Non-Governmental Organisations to organize Gram Shree Melas during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names and the details of such organisations, event-wise; and

(c) the amount of money spent for each of such events and the respective turnover generated?

Construction of houses under IAY

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

(a) what is the demand and supply gap in rural housing;

(b) whether there has been a decline in number of houses constructed under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) during the last few years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of houses constructed under IAY during the last five years for each State;

(d) whether Government proposes to change the features of IAY to make it more effective; and

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(e) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Performance review of MGNREGA

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

(a) whether Government is in the final stage of bringing out a performance review of MGNREGA during 2015-16 which would come handy while making mid-course correction during 2016-17;

(b) whether the performance of MGNREGA during 2015-16 is marked by highest ever expenditure of ₹ 56,000 crore including ₹ 12,000 crore paid in pending wages; and

(c) whether the performance review, as an attempt to bring more transparency to the functioning of MGNREGA revealed that it continues to lag behind in addressing delayed payment issues with only 34.3 per cent wages paid in time?

Employment provided to rural unemployed youth

810. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employment provided to the rural unemployed youth in the country during the last two years and the current year, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised by the State/UTs during the said period; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to generate rural employment in the country particularly in Haryana?

Increase in allocation of houses under PMAY-G

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

(a) whether Government has been receiving requests from the State Governments for increasing the allocation of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for allocation of two lakh houses under PMAY-G from the year 2016-17 onwards; and

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

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Gujarat

†812. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds proposed to be given to Gujarat under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the quantum of funds provided during that period, year-wise; and

(b) the total length of roads proposed to be constructed, each year and the length of roads constructed in the State?

Changes in MGNREGA

813. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made some changes in MGNREGA and incorporated more items of works and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether Government proposes to link MGNREGA with its other flagship programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of households/persons, who received 100 days of work in 2015 and the mandays of work provided till 30th June, 2016, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for effective implementation of the scheme throughout the country?

Coverage of DAY-NRLM in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has sanctioned funds to only 60 blocks for implementation of Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana—National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) in Tamil Nadu whereas State Government has sought funds for implementing in 265 blocks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Government would take immediate steps to allocate funds to remaining 205 blocks of the State for which State Perspective Plan has already been submitted by the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of proposal under PMGSY from Tamil Nadu

815. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have submitted proposals under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana,

(PMGSY) for taking up roads and bridge's works;

(b) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has also submitted a proposal under PMGSY Phase X at an estimated cost of ₹ 795.01 crore to the Central Government;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government has approved the above proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Utilization of funds under SAGY

816. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total amount of funds utilized by various MPs under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), till date?

Construction of rural roads in Himachal Pradesh

817. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of link roads, Bakhuli-Magwani-Nandla, Amboi-Tipproli and Shirol-Banthal, in Chirgaon Tehsil in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh are lagging behind, as per schedule;

(b) if so, the action taken against concerned officials for the delay;

(c) whether the Central Government would ask the State Government to complete these roads before starting of apple season so that farmers may send their apples directly to the market; and

(d) the details of status of link roads Jangla-Nandla, Jalwari-Kailu and Thana-Dhoul Dhar in that Tehsil?

Construction of houses under PMAY-G

818. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural housing units built, the number of beneficiaries of such units and the total expenditure under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana—Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last two years;

(b) the targeted number of houses to be built under PMAY-G during the next two years and the estimated expenditure thereon; and

(c) in what ratio the cost would be shared between the Centre and the States?

Performance under MGNREGA

819. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on works under MGNREGA during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of days of employment provided during that period, State-wise;

(c) the details of MGNREGA wage rates during the above period; and

(d) the mode of payment and the average duration between the work and the wages paid to the workers?

Social audit under MGNREGA

†820. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the social

audit is not being done in some States under MGNREGA; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to conduct social audit in all the States under MGNREGA to bring more transparency in the works?

Acquisition of agricultural land by foreign companies

821. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign companies are taking over agricultural land on a large scale in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to check procurement of agricultural land by foreign companies in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to check the decreasing agricultural land?

Policy for maintenance of rural roads under PMGSY

†822. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to hand over the maintenance of roads built under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to the States after five years from the time of their construction;

(b) if so, the names of States that have given their consent and made rules for maintenance of roads and are acting thereon; and

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(c) the details of steps taken with regard to those States that have not framed such policies?

Renovation of ponds under MGNREGA

†823. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to undertake renovation of ponds situated in different parts of the country under MGNREGA;

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

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

Increase in demand for work under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether the demand for work under MGNREGA has sharply increased by upto 50 per cent during 2016-17 in comparison to the last financial year due to drought situations in the country;

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

(c) the details of jobs provided under MGNREGA so far during 2016-17, State-wise?

Progress of work under PMGSY

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

(a) whether the Central Government

plans to connect all the villages in the country to main roads by 2019 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the progress of work under PMGSY is commensurate with its targets; and

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

Delay in allocation of funds under MGNREGA

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

(a) the number of people who have got work for 150 days under MGNREGA in drought affected States;

(b) whether the Central Government is intentionally delaying the allocation of additional seventeen thousand crore rupees under MGNREGA and if not, the quantum of amount allocated and the details of amount released, State-wise; and

(c) the types of assets created under MGNREGA in the drought affected areas and the number of States who have sent their proposals to the Ministry for including extra works under MGNREGA?

Permanent constructions under MGNREGA

827. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether local villagers would be encouraged to undertake pucca and permanent constructions under MGNREGA by associating them with local rural development works; and

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(b) if so, whether it would be fruitful to connect each village with sustainable development under MGNREGA through construction of pucca drains, pucca toilets, school buildings, hospital rooms, pucca houses and roads and pucca small reservoirs?

Development of rivers in Goa

828. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any developmental activities regarding the six nationalised rivers of Goa have started;

(b) if so, what are the activities that have been started and the names of the rivers where these activities have started;

(c) the names of the agencies involved in doing these activities;

(d) the estimated amount incurred, spent, proposed to be spent; and

(e) the details of local or Central Government agencies from whom the permission have been obtained and the nature of the permission?

Capacity improvement of major ports

829. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of major ports in the country during the last five years, port-wise;

(b) the targets set by the Ministry to improve the capacity of 12 major ports; and

(c) whether the Ministry has finalised on corporatisation of major ports and if so, the details thereof and if not, what alternative steps are being taken to modernise and develop ports?

Capacity addition of ports

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

(a) whether Government has planned for capacity addition of ports in the country;

(b) if so, the present operational details and cargo traffic handling during the last four years;

(c) the budget plan and development of 'Jal Marg Vikas' programme therein, port-wise; and

(d) the inland waterways development and revival plan for 2021?

Growth of cruise shipping

831. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of exploitation of immense potential that exists for growth of cruise shipping;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what has been the response of global cruise operators to the initiatives taken by Government in this area?

Development of sea port in Sagar island

832. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the development of sea port at Sagar island has been delayed ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of timeline for development of port there;

(d) the details of funds allocated for

development of the port along with the detailed break-up; and

(e) the feasibility of developing a sea port at sagar islands?

Enhancing capacity of major ports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity of major ports located in Tamil Nadu viz., Chennai port, Kamarajar port and Tuticorin port has dwindled over the years;

(b) if so, the details of capacity of major ports during the last ten years;

(c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to enhance the capacity of major ports from the existing level to the higher level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Subsidy for ship building industry

834. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidy scheme for ship building industry, which had expired, has been extended and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(b) the details of old accounts thereof cleared and those which are pending;

(c) whether ship building and ship repair industry has been granted infrastructure status and if so, the details thereof along with the benefits likely to accrue to the industry;

(d) whether there is any plan to increase percentage share of India in the world in ship building and ship repair industry; and

(e) whether any vision document has been prepared in this regard and by when its targets are intended to be achieved?

Building of largest cruise centre in Mumbai

†835. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to build the largest cruise centre in Mumbai;

(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?

Introduction of digital tracking system of containers

836. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, with a view to introduce transparency in the container operation, is going to introduce digital tracking system of containers;

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

(c) what are the features of this digital tracking system and by when it would be made fully operational;

(d) whether Government intends to introduce this digital tracking system in other major ports also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when the system would be introduced in other major ports?

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Plan to start roll-on and roll-off service for transportation in Ganga

837. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to start Roll-on and Roll-off (RO-RO) service to transport cars between Kolkata-Varanasi stretch of river Ganga in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Jal Marg Vikas project between Allahabad and Haldia on river Ganga is taken up speedily;

(d) if so, the amount of money Government proposes to spend on this project;

(e) whether any time limit has been fixed for completion of the said project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of ship breaking industries

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

(a) whether a committee was formed to regulate various activities of ship breaking industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the number of ships received for breaking during each of the last three years and the current year, location-wise; and

(d) the details regarding the quantity of steel generated from ship breaking during that period, year-wise?

Port rail connectivity projects under Sagarmala

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

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) how many port-rail connectivity projects are identified under Sagarmala and what is the total estimated cost thereof;

(b) how many projects are being considered by Indian Port Rail Corporation Limited (IPRCL);

(c) the details of projects already awarded for quick evacuation of cargo;

(d) the details of projects being taken up by Railways; and

(e) what is the time-line by which these projects would be completed, project-wise?

Development of Chabahar port

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

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) consequent upon Chabahar port development agreement with Iran, which countries India can have direct access to;

(b) the details of ports in India which would get the benefit because of this agreement;

(c) the amount likely to be provided by India for development of Chabahar port and in what time schedule; and

(d) by what time, the whole complex of Chabahar port would be operational for navigaton, berthing and other functions?

Flow of all major rivers

841. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry maintains a record of increase or decrease in flow of all major rivers across the country;

(b) if so, the details of flow of all major rivers across the country for the last ten years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any steps are being taken by Government to maintain a natural flow of rivers and if so, details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the major factors causing decrease in flow of major rivers?

Inter-linking of rivers

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

(a) whether the inter-linking of rivers to address the water crisis in the country is being undertaken on a brisk pace;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether various programmes are afoot by the Central Government to deal with water crisis; and

(d) if so, the details of achievement of those programmes during the last two years?

Opposing new dams in upper basin of Ganga in Uttarakhand

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

(a) whether contradicting the common stand of other concerned Ministries, the Ministry has made known its views to the Supreme Court, opposing any new dams in the upper basin of the Ganga in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether the Ministry has told the apex court that the three tributaries of Ganga—Alaknanda, Mandakini and Bhagirathi and the Ganga river from Dev Prayag downwards should remain in their current condition without further disruptions/interruptions or diversions; and

(c) what impact this stand could cause for more than 70 projects with 9,000 megawatt capacity already planned in the region?

Proposal to frame a law for misuse and wastage of water

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

(a) whether Government proposes to frame a law for optimum use of water, conservation of rivers and underground water and to provide safe drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to check misuse and wastage of water along with continuous recharging of water bodies?

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Assistance to DDP areas under AIBP

†845. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Rajasthan which have been identified as falling under the Desert Development Prone Programme (DDP);

(b) whether Government intends to provide 90 per cent assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) to DDP areas like those under special category States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

New legislation for Ganga rejuvenation

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

(a) whether it is a fact that all the five member States agreed to a new legislation for Ganga rejuvenation in a recently held meeting of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA);

(b) whether the said legislation would guide the implementation of work relating to Ganga rejuvenation in future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Namami Gange Programme

847. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various projects

undertaken by Government under the Namami Gange Programme;

(b) whether projects have been launched in all the States of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of funds allocated for these projects by Government?

Funds spent on advertisements for Namami Gange Programme

848. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the details of funds earmarked under the Namami Gange Programme for cleaning operations and of funds spent on advertisements of the same, since 2014?

Execution of Namami Gange Programme

849. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up execution of its ambitious Namami Gange Programme with 231 projects relating to Ganga rejuvenation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these projects would be completed?

Implementation of Namami Gange Programme

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

(a) the implementation status of steps

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taken by Government in the Namami Gange Programme;

(b) whether Government has partnered with any private agencies in the project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any studies have been conducted to identify grossly polluting industries which cause major damage to water bodies across the country, including Ganga; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government?

Toxic pollutant in ground water

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 100 million people in the country live in areas where the ground water is infected with atleast one toxic pollutant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to control the discharge of effluents and rejuvenate polluted aquifers?

Ground water pollution in Udham Singh Nagar

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the ground water adjacent to the industrial areas of Udham Singh Nagar in Uttarakhand is getting polluted continuously;

(b) whether Government would consider sending a Central team to look

into the reasons for ground water contamination in this district; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Feasibility report for linking of rivers under NPP

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Water Development Agency has prepared pre-feasibility/feasibility reports for linking of 30 rivers in the country under the National Perspective Plan (NPP);

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Pennar (Somasila)-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link has also been identified for inter river basis water transfer;

(c) whether the above link would benefit the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Puducherry;

(d) if so, the present status of the project, including the allocations made and spent, so far; and

(e) by when it is likely to be completed?

Ganga rejuvenation

854. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced a number of projects in connection with Ganga rejuvenation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the funds earmarked, allocated and spent since inception of the programme;

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(c) whether Government has taken any steps to remove encroachments along the Ganga river banks;

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

(e) the targets set for each and every projects under the programme and for completion of the programme?

Implementation of Namami Gange Programme

†855. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the implementation of Namami Gange Programme would be initiated;

(b) the nature of works to be undertaken under this Programme; and

(c) by when the Programme would be completed?

Supply of water to farmers

856. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has formulated any integrated scheme to supply adequate quantity of water to farmers throughout the country, according to their crops;

(b) if so, the outline thereof and the number of farmers benefited thereby, so far;

(c) if not, whether Government

proposes to formulate any such scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Legislation on commercial supply of water

857. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several industrialists have commercialised water supply in the country;

(b) if so, the names of major companies presently engaged in this activity;

(c) whether Government proposes to make any law to ban indiscriminate exploitation of ground water in urban and rural areas, keeping in view the depleting ground water level day by day; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

National Mission for Clean Ganga

858. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project titled National Mission for Clean Ganga, which has made progress since 2014, has fixed targets for cleaning of Ganga;

(b) the expenditure to date on the Mission activities under various heads; and

(c) by which date will the Mission achieve its target of clean Ganga?

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**Untreated sewage flow into river
Yamuna**

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

(a) whether Government has the details about the untreated sewage which is flowing in rivers every year;

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

(c) where Government has taken or considering to take any concrete steps to address it;

(d) if so, what is the status of sewage water treatment facilities in the NCT of Delhi; and

(e) whether Government has the details of untreated sewage which flows into river Yamuna every day?

**Implementation of interlinking of
rivers**

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

(a) the number of projects in operation for interlinking of rivers in India; whether a feasibility report has been prepared for each of those projects and for the proposed

projects; if so, the key difficulties being faced in implementation of interlinking of rivers and the solution adopted by the Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry has received complaints or objections from State Governments pertaining to the projects and the time-frame laid down for completion of these projects; and

(c) the number of people who have been displaced due to interlinking of rivers, the funds spent on their rehabilitation and the number of people who are yet to be rehabilitated?

Cleaning of Ganga

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

(a) what steps the Ministry has taken to expedite the process of solid waste floating in rivers in India especially in the Ganga;

(b) whether the Ministry has outsourced the work of cleaning to private contractors or plans to do so and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated and spent in cleaning of Ganga river during the last two years and the details of new technologies used in cleaning of the river?

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