

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; Human Resource Development; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Total number of questions — 160

Proposal for allocation of mines

641. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal for allocation of mines to State Governments for making the fuel available to the small scale industries and the household sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Model Contract Agreement had also been drafted to enable the State Governments to undertake this activity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation of coal reserves

642. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates of coal reserves in India, State-wise;

(b) how much of this is being exploited, State-wise;

(c) the grade-wise distribution of the exploited coal; and

(d) the steps taken to increase coal production and to reduce coal imports?

Abandoned CIL projects to private players

643. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects have been abandoned/discontinued by the Coal India Limited during the last one year;

(b) the names and the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated loss to CIL as a result thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to award the abandoned CIL projects to private players; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Status of Underground Coal
Gasification technology**

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

(a) the present status of Underground Coal Gasification (UGC) Technology developed in the country for meeting the future energy needs;

(b) the details of coal and lignite blocks identified, so far, for this purpose; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to popularize this technology in the country?

**Illegal sale and availability of coal in
open market**

645. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is illegal selling/availability of coal in the open market in Jharkhand and Meghalaya;

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

(c) the action taken against such illegal practices and for active monitoring of coal fields there?

Revenue received from coal auction

646. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total revenue received by Government from the recently concluded coal auction;

(b) the details of expected annual revenue earned on account of such auctions during the next 30 years; and

(c) the details of annual revenue that the individual States would receive during the next 30 years, State-wise?

Coal reserves

647. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal mines/blocks along with the quantity of coal reserves in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantity of the coal extracted by the mining companies during each of the last three years and during the current year, company-wise;

(c) the details of coal imported during the said period, country-wise; and

(d) the details of coal mines/blocks acquired abroad by the Indian companies and amount of coal imported and extracted from these mines in each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise?

Allocations under commercial mining

†648. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would provide the amount of additional levy of coal to Chhattisgarh and by when this amount would be provided;

(b) whether the Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation has recommended the allocations under commercial mining of five coal blocks; and

(c) whether Government would extend its co-operation considering the fact that coal is supplied to small and medium industries like power plants, sponge iron,

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cement plants, etc. from those five coal blocks as mentioned in part (b)?

Coal deposits

649. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India, majority of coal deposits are found in the three eastern States of Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that West Bengal-Raniganj coal belt contains some of the prized coals of the country;

(c) whether apart from the above, substantial coal deposits are found in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Coal for power generation

†650. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the quantity of coal consumed in tonnes per year for power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of coal blocks allocated at present and the number of blocks from where coal is being extracted?

Reservation against reverse bidding mechanism for coal blocks

651. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lot of companies have approached Government expressing reservations regarding the reverse bidding

mechanism and raised a lot of queries regarding the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for opting the reverse bidding mechanism;

(c) whether such a step by Government is just to favour select large business houses as the medium size companies would have disadvantages against large companies in terms of sustainability due to this mechanism;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

New auction methodology

652. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a new auction methodology, where a bidder would be required to quote separate figures for fixed charges and variable charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the current laws and auction methodology are perfect; and

(d) if not, what are Government's plans on these?

E-auction of coal blocks

653. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two tranches of e-auction of the cancelled coal blocks have already been taken place;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 10 more blocks have been identified for the third start;

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(c) whether these auctions are set to be held from August 11 to 17;

(d) whether 43 mines have been allocated to State Government companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation and cancellation of Parsa coal blocks

†654. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of Gare Pelma Sector-III captive coal block has been allocated for supply upon cancellation of allocation of Parsa coal block earlier for Chhattisgarh Marwa Thermal Power Project (MTPP);

(b) whether the power generation of MTPP would not be affected due to delay in establishment of Gare Pelma Sector-III captive coal block; and

(c) whether it is possible not to issue order for cancellation of allocation from Parsa coal block allocated earlier for the said project till the time Gare Pelma Sector-III is set up?

Auction of coal mines

655. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of auctions of 204 coal mines/blocks cancelled by the Supreme Court and the revenue fetched by them so far, State-wise and mine/block-wise;

(b) by when next coal auction is likely to take place;

(c) whether Government could not get

expected fair price from the auction of some of the coal blocks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken, if any?

Supply of coal to thermal power plants by CIL

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

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) supplies standard quality of coal to all the thermal power plants in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether instances of supply of inferior quality of coal have been reported in power plants especially those situated in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details of such cases reported and the corrective measures taken by Government to ensure supply of quality coal to thermal power plants?

Demand and supply of coal to States

657. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the coalfields, domestic/foreign, working and closed in the country, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(b) the criteria followed to allocate coal to the State/UTs in the country;

(c) the demand and supply of coal to the States/UTs during the last three years including the current year;

(d) whether the entire demand of coal is supplied; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken thereon?

Discoveries of coal blocks

658. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discoveries of coal have been made during the last five years in the country;

(b) if so, details of each of such discovery;

(c) the tentative reserves of each of such discovered coal blocks; and

(d) how Government would share coal reserves with the State where it is discovered?

Forgery in selection of Nirmal Panchayats

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

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities have been committed in the selection of names of Nirmal Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the district-wise details of those officers who gave false certificates for Nirmal Panchayats during 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(c) the guidelines issued by the Central Government to the State Government for construction of toilet in every household and school under the 'cleanliness campaign' and by when these would be implemented?

Per capita availability of drinking water in rural areas

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

(a) whether the households living in the rural areas are getting 40 litres of water per capita per day (1pcd) as stipulated under the guidelines of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the measures taken by Government to ensure availability of requisite quantity of water in the rural areas within a definite time-frame?

Discontinuing funding of toilets from MGNREGA

661. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the part-funding of toilets from MGNREGA has been discontinued; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

Allocation of annual budget for Tribal Sub-Plan under NRDWP

662. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

(a) whether Government has earmarked 10 per cent of the annual budget allocation for Tribal Sub Plan under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) if so, the details thereof, including

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Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha;

(c) the details of amount earmarked for Tribal Sub Plan during each of the last three years; and

(d) the details of achievements made and funds utilized, so far, with the help of the earmarked funds to provide drinking water to the habitations falling in tribal areas?

Implementation of NRDWP

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

(a) whether Government is implementing the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the funds released thereunder to States and Union Territories during the last three years and the current year?

Providing pure drinking water in rural areas

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

(a) whether Government had resolved to provide pure drinking water in rural areas and the remotest rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States where pure drinking water has been provided by Government;

(d) whether the State like Bihar has also been included under the same; and

(e) if so, the details of Government's work plan to provide pure drinking water to each and every village?

Per capita availability of drinking water in Tamil Nadu

665. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita water availability in the country is reducing progressively;

(b) what is the per capita availability of water in Tamil Nadu during the last ten years, year-wise; and

(c) what actions Government is taking to make available adequate quantity of water in the country?

Sanitation practices and programme implementation

666. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nadia district of West Bengal was adjudged as the most efficient district in terms of sanitation practices and programme implementation by UN agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has planned to reciprocate such efforts country-wide;

(d) if so, the steps undertaken by Government, so far, since the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission; and

(e) the details of expenditure incurred during 2014-15 on physical materials and advertisements separately, State-wise?

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Review of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

667. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to review the policy of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) whether Government would like to consider providing computer education to the girl students of villages; and

(c) whether Government would consider providing computers free of cost to such girl students who are computer literate?

Allegations against VCs of central universities

668. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are allegations of corruption, misrepresentations of facts and violation of university acts and statutes about three vice chancellors of central universities as also high handed action against students and staff;

(b) if so, whether enquiries have been made in almost all of them;

(c) whether any actions were taken on the basis of enquiry reports; and

(d) whether Government would be more vigilant in the appointment of vice chancellors?

Selection of institutions for ranking

669. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the 500 institutions that the Ministry would be ranking were chosen;

(b) the details and timeline of the mechanism that would be adopted by the Ministry to undertake this exercise;

(c) whether there is a plan on the future course of action once the data has been acquired and the institutions ranked; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Budget allocation for central university of Karnataka

670. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) till now, what is the budget allocation for central university of Karnataka, Kalaburagi;

(b) how much was spent on physical infrastructure;

(c) whether there was any delay in work and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) how many departments were expected in the university before 2015; and

(e) by when the remaining departments would start functioning?

Children in Madarsas

671. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that the State Government of Maharashtra has decided to treat children going to Madarsas as not enrolled in any formal education, for a survey to be conducted with the objective of identifying out-of-school children;

(b) whether Government approves of such a classification of children attending Madarsas;

(c) whether this is permissible in accordance with the constitutional right of minorities to set up their own educational institutions; and

(d) if not, whether Government has taken any steps to restrain the State Government of Maharashtra from implementing such an illegal classification through its survey?

Redrafting of IIM Bill

672. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to redraft the controversial Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bill to incorporate changes suggested by some of the premier business schools after criticism that the proposed legislation was designed to erode their autonomy and vest sweeping authority with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the draft that was discussed with IIM and the one that was put up for public comments was different; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas

673. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Kendriya Vidyalayas, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is planning to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas including Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Government interference in academic institutions

674. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether undue interference of Government in academic institutions of the country has increased during the last year; and

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

Construction of school toilets in Kerala

675. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set for construction of toilets in all the schools in Kerala in a year; and

(b) the status of the project?

Paper leaks in entrance examinations

676. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a series of entrance examination paper leak has reported during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received on such issues; and

(c) the action taken by Government and the time bound admission procedure proposals suggested therefor?

B.Ed. students of IGNOU

†677. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of students, who passed B.Ed. entrance exams held in 2014 for admission in B.Ed. 2015 classes in IGNOU;

(b) the details of such students out of them, who passed M.C.A. exams from P.T.U., Jalandhar from 2008 to 2010;

(c) whether those students have got admitted in B.Ed., who passed M.C.A. exams from that University from 2008 to 2010 and cleared the entrance exams conducted by IGNOU; and

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

New draft Bill on IIMs

678. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYJEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new draft of IIM Bill is in circulation amongst all stakeholders for eliciting comments;

(b) whether, broadly IIM Boards of Management have resented over Government's attempt to assume sweeping powers currently held by the IIM's Boards, through a combination of clauses 3 (k) and 36 (1) of the draft Bill;

(c) whether in a conciliatory mode Government has reached out to IIM Boards by calling them for deliberations over the table; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Expulsion of students from IIT, Roorkee

679. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIT, Roorkee has expelled a number of students recently;

(b) if so, how many students have been expelled; and

(c) what are the reasons for the expulsion?

Opening of a tribal university

680. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is an urgent need to open a tribal university to fulfil higher education aspirations of the tribal youth of eastern part of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to open such a university for Odisha, Jharkhand and adjoining tribal dominated areas; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of joint venture research centre in PPP mode

681. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently allowed Pearson Company and CBSE to set up a joint venture research centre in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode; and

(b) if so, why a private company like

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Pearson who preferred ignoring the legitimate interests of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), particularly when CBSE uses the syllabus prepared by NCERT?

Financial allocation of UGC

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

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial allocation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been reduced as compared to the last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the level of education would not have any bad impact due to the reduction of financial allocation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of rural schools in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

683. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has got any survey of rural schools in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in respect of basic needs like drinking water and toilets; and

(b) what are the findings, if any, and how Government intends to address the requirement in a time-bound manner?

Criteria for nominated members of CABE

†684. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for engagement of nominated members in the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE);

(b) the reasons behind the engagement for maximum people of similar thought; and

(c) whether Government is going forward to bring changes in the education policy of the country and if so, the level at which the suggestions have been sought from the educationists for changes?

Doing away with no-detention policy

685. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have demanded doing away with no-detention policy till class VIII; and

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

Improvement of Government schools

686. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a roadmap for improving the performance and educational standards of Government schools in Maharashtra and rest of the country within a time-frame; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government proposes to have such a roadmap in place?

(d) if so, the details thereof?

IITs on temporary buildings

687. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many new IITs announced after 2005 are being run in temporary buildings and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has set any deadline for its shifting into permanent buildings and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the money being spent by new IITs on rent and bus fares annually due to temporary buildings during the last three years, IIT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has decided to take punitive action against the responsible authorities of concerned IITs for slow work and if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of drinking water tubewells and toilets in schools

†688. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of drinking water tubewells and toilets in Government schools;

(b) if so, the number of drinking water tubewells and toilets in Government schools of the country at present;

(c) whether Government is considering any scheme to increase the number of drinking water tubewells and toilets; and

689. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to introduce Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in all universities throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how CBCS would be different from the existing teaching learning process; and

(d) the details of the universities which have introduced CBCS, State-wise?

Coverage of Mid-Day-Meal scheme

690. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools and children covered/benefited under the Mid-Day-Meal scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilized under the scheme;

(c) whether the enrolment in schools has increased after the introduction of the said scheme and if so, the extent of increase reported in each State during the above period;

(d) whether alleged irregularities including serving of substandard meal to the students have been reported; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Introduction of sex education in schools

691. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 70 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February, 2013 and state:

(a) whether Government has examined the matter concerning introduction of sex education in schools, as per the recommendation of Justice Verma Committee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in the matter by Government?

Assistance for schools and colleges in Jammu and Kashmir

†692. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided separate financial assistance for schools and colleges which were got almost damaged due to heavy rain/flood and devastation last year in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the main reasons therefor?

Limiting the no-detention policy

693. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have urged the Ministry to limit no-detention policy till class III;

(b) if so, the names of State Governments which have requested for this policy;

(c) whether the no-detention policy till class IX is producing duds and the students are unable to pass class X and XII exams conducted by CBSE and State Boards; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry would frame the no-detention policy till class III only?

SC/ST posts lying vacant in universities/colleges in Uttar Pradesh

†694. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether posts of teachers meant for SCs/STs are lying vacant in universities/colleges in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to fill up these posts?

Non-teaching staff under SSA

†695. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-teaching staff in the country under Centrally sponsored Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), State-wise;

(b) the number of employees working on contract basis, State-wise and for how many years they are working on contract; and

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(c) the details of scheme for regularization of such employees especially in Jammu and Kashmir?

Level of literacy in rural areas

696. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken note of the findings of the latest socio economic and caste census which states that out of 35.73 per cent adult literates in rural India, 13.9 per cent have recorded below primary level of literacy;

(b) the details of total expenditure of the Ministry on literacy initiatives during the last three decades;

(c) whether the Ministry recognizes that despite 68 years since Independence and crores of rupees being spent, literacy level have remained extremely low; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to raise literacy level?

Setting up of colleges and universities

697. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges, universities and educational institutions set up during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and institution-wise;

(b) the funds spent on these institutions, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to set up new higher educational institutions;

(d) if so, the details of locations, budget provisions and other terms and conditions prescribed for establishing these institutions, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of funds allocated/utilised for the purpose and by when the above institutions are likely to be made functional?

Filling up of vacancies in universities

†698. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 149 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 2013 and state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in the universities that have been filled up during the last two years; and

(b) the number of posts that are still vacant and by when these are supposed to be filled up?

Poor teaching standards in schools

699. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor teaching standards in schools, particularly in rural areas is a case of serious concern;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has contemplated any plan to improve the teaching standards in schools in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Drop-out of SC and ST students

†700. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accepts that most of the students belonging to Scheduled, Castes and Scheduled Tribes leave their education amid elementary stage and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such students who continued their matric, post-matric and college education after completing elementary education during last one year, State-wise; and

(c) the details of efforts being done by Government to retain such students in schools along with the achievements made during the last one year?

Fees for computer education and school development fund in KVs

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

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge fee is collected in the name of computer education and school development fund in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) from the students of class I to class XII and the details of amount taken in this head during the last five years;

(b) whether the students of class I can take computer education;

(c) whether any study has been conducted in this regard and whether the schools provide computer education to

these children and the details of methods of its evaluation; and

(d) whether the collection of fees, beyond education fee is not a violation of provisions of RTE Act?

Teacher pupil ratio in Kendriya Vidyalayas

702. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many new Vidyalayas have been opened during the last year and where they have been opened; and

(c) what is the current teacher pupil ratio in the vidyalayas?

Joint degrees

703. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private institutes have collaborated with foreign universities to offer joint degrees not recognised by India's top educational regulatory bodies;

(b) whether the Association of Indian Universities and UGC norms require institutes to be affiliated to universities or follow Foreign Educational Institution Regulations Act, 2012; and

(c) whether Government would prevail upon such regulatory bodies like AIU, UGC and AICTE etc. to issue advisories both in print and electronic media to caution and forewarn students being lured by such institutes?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Infrastructure of deemed universities

704. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 7 out of 44 deemed universities lack infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what are the parameters for the infrastructure, etc.; and
- (d) the action being taken against those lacking in infrastructure?

Model schools in backward areas

†705. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry had formulated a plan to open model schools to provide qualitative education to poor in the backward areas;
- (b) the number of such model schools opened as of now, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is formulating any plan to stop the drop-out rate which is maximum among poor; and if so, the details thereof?

Alternative to AIPMT

706. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would consider an alternative to the All India Pre Medical Test (AIPMT) like a region-wise test since the All India test is getting vitiated by leaks; and

(b) whether Government would consider taking the examination away from the purview of CBSE and entrusting it to some other autonomous agency like UPSC?

Proposal on new National Education Policy

†707. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to introduce new National Education Policy (NEP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the suggestions from the States are being sought before introducing the new NEP; and
- (d) if so, the details of the suggestions received from various States?

Enhancing capability and capacity of renewable energy equipments

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps for enhancing domestic manufacturing capacity and capability of renewable energy equipments and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government provides/ proposes to provide low-cost financing to support the domestic manufacturing sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to improve global competitiveness of the domestic players, including promotion of research and development and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Loss due to one time settlement by IREDA with companies

709. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Limited has caused a loss of several hundred crores to the exchequer due to one time settlement IREDA has extended to several companies;

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

(c) whether Government has initiated inquiry into the alleged case and has fixed responsibility in this regard; and

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

Capacity addition in solar energy sector

710. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to add 1,00,000 MW of solar energy capacity by 2022 and if so, the details thereof including plan of action contemplated to achieve the target;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to have foreign investment in this sector;

(c) how much capacity is likely to be added in Maharashtra particularly in Vidarbha and Marathwada region;

(d) the details of domestic and international companies along with investment committed in the sector; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to encourage investors/companies and to tap the potential of green energy?

Development of solar city programme

711. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of cities covered under the Development of Solar City programme, so far;

(b) the status of implementation of the programme in those cities; and

(c) the funds allocated and released under this programme, so far?

Cost of solar power

712. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) whether the bulk power generating cost in India is ₹ 6/7 per unit or more in most States;

(b) if so, whether the solar power would be more expensive, despite providing massive subsidies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the per unit cost of solar energy generation;

(d) whether most of State Electricity Boards are bust with accumulated losses approaching ₹ 3,00,000 crore;

(e) if so, whether some electricity distribution companies refuse to buy even small quantity of expensive solar power that they are mandated to buy and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to bring down the solar power cost?

Use of new and renewable energy sources

†713. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to enhance the use of new and renewable energy sources and as cheap or subsidized alternative of thermal electricity for the benefit of common people; and

(b) the details of actual achievements made so far in this direction, State-wise?

Impact of generation of solar power

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

(a) the impact of one lakh megawatt of solar power envisaged for generation on the cost of power in different stages of the achievement of this target;

(b) whether India would remain competitive at all such stages with countries like China; and

(c) to what extent Make in India programme of the Prime Minister would be adversely affected by relatively higher cost of power?

Low interest loans for renewable energy projects

715. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to give loan with lower interest for setting up of renewable energy projects and generation units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target being fixed by Government to generate more energy through this loan scheme?

Installation of roof top solar panels

716. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote/encourage installation of roof top solar panels to tap solar energy across the country;

(b) the details of outcome of this initiative;

(c) whether Government is of the view that steps, that have been taken, so far are sufficient in tapping the full potential of solar energy; and

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

Setting up of wind mills in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether Government proposes to set up more wind mills in the remaining period of Twelfth Five Year Plan, in the State of Tamil Nadu, which is a wind potential State and also a pioneer in that energy; and

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

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Electricity from solar energy

‡718. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of electricity in megawatts generated in the country through solar energy;

(b) the name of the State generating the highest quantity of electricity by solar energy projects and the capacity thereof in megawatts;

(c) the places where Government proposes to set up projects to generate electricity through solar energy; and

(d) whether Government has planned such projects in Gujarat and if so, at what places?

Subsidy for roof top solar plants

‡719. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is providing 30 per cent subsidy for installation of roof top solar plants;

(b) if so, the number of families in Maharashtra provided subsidy for installing such plants;

(c) the life span of such plants and their batteries; and

(d) the steps taken by the Centre to promote solar energy?

New technologies of NRE

720. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALLYAWI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new technologies in the field of new and renewable energy (NRE);

(b) how much non-conventional energy is being generated in the country at present, State-wise; and

(c) what are the plans for the next three years?

Solar energy in Central Government buildings

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

(a) whether all the Central Government buildings use solar energy as an eco-friendly measure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and in what capacity those are used;

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote the use of solar energy in the country, during the last year;

(d) whether Government has signed any memorandum of understanding with any country for financing/technology sharing for solar projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

BRGF in Maharashtra

722. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) is being granted to backward districts/villages in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, since when these districts/villages are getting the finances;

(c) to what extent those districts/villages have utilized this fund for the benefit of

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the people of those backward districts/ villages;

(d) whether Government proposes to restructure BRGF; and

(e) if so, what is the need for such a step?

Asset mapping of Panchayats

723. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether asset mapping of Panchayats has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how this mapping helps in providing better amenities to Panchayats and villages?

Share of States in power generation

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

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to increase the share of electricity for the States where power stations are situated and from where power is generated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to further increase the share for Tamil Nadu in the electricity generated from Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant; and

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

Commissioning of new power plants

725. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power plants commissioned during the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, along with the installed capacity of these plants;

(b) the number of approvals given by the Ministry for new power plants and their installed capacity; and

(c) the status of implementation of power projects granted approval during the last three years?

Implementation of DDUGJY in Rajasthan

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

(a) the number of villages and districts of Rajasthan where work under the Deendayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) has been started;

(b) the details of funds disbursed to the State till date under DDUGJY; and

(c) whether Government proposes to include hamlets (dhandis) also under the above scheme and if so, by when these would be included and if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilization of idle funds under PSDF

727. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been framed for utilization of the accumulated deposit lying idle in the Power System Development Fund (PSDF) towards transmission system improvement; and

(b) if not, whether the Ministry would take steps in this regard?

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CO₂ emission from thermal power plants

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of pollution is increasing in the country due to high emission of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) from thermal power plants;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check it;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the coal based power plants in the country need highest amount of water in the world, due to which those plants have been placed at the lowest level in the grading; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government for their improvement?

Electricity wastage due to congestion in transmission highways

729. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over three billion units of electricity or a day's national consumption were wasted during 2014-15 as congestion in the transmission highways blocked trading between surplus and deficit regions and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the data from various power exchanges show a higher wastage during 2013-14 at 5.3 billion units and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government

would take to check wastage of electricity on such a large scale?

Assistance to State Electricity Board of Kerala

730. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Electricity Board of Kerala is running into losses year after year;

(b) if so, the details of losses during each of the last three years; and

(c) the nature of assistance given to the Board during the period?

Achievement of National Electricity Fund

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

(a) the details of funds sanctioned under the National Electricity Fund (NEF) to various State power utilities for improving the power distribution network during the last three years, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(b) what are the outcome in the power distribution by the companies since the implementation of NEF?

Sovereign guarantee for thermal power plant in Andhra Pradesh

732. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that in order to become self-sufficient in power generation, Andhra Pradesh Government has entered into an agreement with M/s. Sumitomo of Japan to set up 4,000 MW super critical thermal power plant in the State;

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(b) if so, whether the State Government has asked the Central Government for giving sovereign guarantee;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the Central Government is not inclined to provide surety;

(d) whether it has found any deficiencies in the Detailed Project Report (DPR); and

(e) if so, whether it has advised the State Government to rectify the deficiencies?

Power situation in the country

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

(a) the total requirement of electricity, in megawatts, in the country;

(b) the quantum of electricity, in megawatts, generated in the country;

(c) the quantum of electricity, in megawatts generated by Government sector;

(d) the quantum of electricity, in megawatts generated by private companies; and

(e) the plan of Government to generate electricity as per the requirements?

Deaths due to high tension wires

734. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high tension transmission wires have been responsible for killing many people in various parts of the country;

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

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

Power situation in West Bengal and Maharashtra

735. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA:
SHRI AVINASH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of power generation in West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government proposes to assist these States to augment its power generation capacity;

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

(d) whether some regions in these States have poor potential for power generation and are facing power shut down for hours together daily; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures being taken by Government to address the power crisis in these States?

R&D activities by NTPC

736. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has embarked on a ₹ 1,000 crore R&D exercise that would involve ground breaking work in areas of new and renewable energy, power production, waste management, efficiency improvement and cost reduction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the details of success it has achieved through the above exercise and how those have been used in the areas mentioned in part (a);

(d) whether the company has decided to work on developing power generation technologies that would use lesser volume of coal to reduce green house gas emission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Concession for power plants

737. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved a mechanism of gas pooling for merger of price of imported natural gas and domestic price of LNG;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of specific concessions like waiver of custom duty, VAT, etc. being extended to gas based power plants;

(d) what is the cost of tariff per unit of gas/coal/hydro/solar based power plants respectively; and

(e) the details of concessions given to power plants other than gas-based plants?

Toll gates on National Highways

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

(a) the locations where toll gates are situated on National Highways in the country;

(b) the revenue generated in leasing out of each of these toll gates during the last five years, year-wise and toll gate-wise;

(c) whether NHAI or State Governments or toll collectors are responsible for the proper maintenance and repairing of National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent on proper maintenance and repairing of National Highways during the last five years, NH-wise and year-wise?

Facilities available for commuters on National Highways

739. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities available for commuters on the National Highways in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to plan a roadmap for comfortable road trips for commuters on highways by providing facilities like ATMs, food courts, hospitals and child care facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Maintenance of Tanakpur-Pithoragarh highway

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

(a) whether the Minister is aware of the fact that a number of large pot holes have emerged at various locations on the highway between Tanakpur and Pithoragarh which is a route for world famous Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and is not fit for driving vehicles;

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(b) if so, whether the maintenance of this highway is not being undertaken due to lack of money, equipments or time bound plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons because of which this highway has not become smooth for driving vehicles?

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways

741. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to convert certain State Highways into National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether such highways, which are to be converted, are being identified; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated for this conversion project?

Electric bus and car services in hilly States

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is exploring the possibility of introducing electric bus and car services in the hilly States and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has consulted the hilly States in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Awarding of road projects

743. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new model like hybrid

model is being considered for awarding road projects to private players;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of road projects which are under consideration for award to private players under various models;

(d) how many kms. of road projects were completed during the last three years as against the target, year-wise; and

(e) if the target has not been achieved, the reasons therefor?

NHAI projects in Maharashtra

744. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various projects of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Maharashtra;

(b) the status of each project, project-wise;

(c) the number of projects that are being delayed and the reasons for delay, project-wise; and

(d) the efforts that have been made to complete the projects within the stipulated time or extended time?

National Expressway network in Gujarat

745. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to consider the proposal submitted by the State Government of Gujarat for National Expressway Network, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is willing to further increase length of planned National Expressway Network in the State from 725 kms. in view of its industrialization and port development; and

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

Projects ready for awarding

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to award road projects worth ₹ 3.50 lakh crore very soon and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had initially planned to award 37,000 km of roads, through 1,231 projects on an outlay of ₹ 2.25 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof?

Revamping of NHAI

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

(a) whether to improve the poor performance of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) over the past few years, Government has decided to revamp it and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the overall road development infrastructure in the country is not as per the requirement; and

(c) if so, to what extent the revamping of NHAI is going to affect the growth of road infrastructure in the country?

Upgradation and widening of National Highway-17

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

(a) whether Government has decided to construct, upgrade and widen National Highway-17;

(b) whether length of this highway passing through Goa is proposed to be covered;

(c) the cost at which the highway is proposed to be constructed;

(d) the number and names of the bridges proposed to be constructed;

(e) the status of construction of Mandovi and Zuari bridges and the schemes under which these bridges are proposed to be constructed; and

(f) by when the construction of these two bridges would be completed?

Surat-Mumbai National Express Highway Project

749. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of feasibility study of the Surat-Mumbai National Express Highway Project which was submitted in the year 1991 in view of its national importance and was finalized by the then Government on priority basis;

(b) the outcome of the study as on date and the reasons for undue delay;

(c) whether a final decision had been taken by the Cabinet Committee in 1991 and the State Government of Gujarat had frozen land in 300 metre width along with proposed alignment in that year only; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be finalized?

Road network in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways that carry close to 40 per cent of the total road traffic in the country constitute less than two per cent of the total road network of 33 lakh km. and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that major district roads in the country constitute at least 4.6 lakh km. and if so, the details thereof?

Declaration of new National Highways

751. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments, including Maharashtra, have submitted proposals for declaration of new National Highways; and

(b) if so, by when these National Highways are likely to be declared?

Delinking road construction and plantation work

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

(a) whether planting trees by road developers is mandatory as per contracts;

(b) whether road developers give least importance to plantation work;

(c) whether, in this backdrop, the Ministry is going to delink road construction and plantation works;

(d) whether the Ministry is planning to rope in specialized agencies for the work of planting and maintaining trees; and

(e) if so, what is the norm for their selection?

Annual passes at toll plazas

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce annual passes instead of monthly passes for private vehicles through all toll plazas in the country;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to assist the developers for such annual passes;

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

(e) by when the aforesaid proposal is likely to be implemented?

Four laning of Jammu-Srinagar-Uri National Highway

†754. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:
MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:

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

(a) the time-limit fixed to convert Jammu-Srinagar-Uri National Highway into four lanes;

(b) whether this time-limit had expired a long time back and if so, the main reasons therefor; and

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(c) by when Government intends to complete this work?

Road assessment exercise

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

(a) whether Government proposes to carry out a road assessment exercise through a new modified vehicle;

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

(c) the details of highways to be covered for assessment;

(d) the details of targets fixed for survey of entire National Highway network, year-wise; and

(e) the details of funds likely to be spent for the above purpose during the current and the next financial years?

Plan to decongest Delhi

756. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether Government has prepared a plan to decongest Delhi and reduce road accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether around five lakh road accidents happen every year in the country killing 1.5 lakh and injuring 3 lakh people every year;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to develop a software that would help to identify accident prone areas in cities and

to put in place measures to prevent road crashes;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether about ₹5 trillion of investment would be required to construct and improve roads during the next few years; and

(g) if so, the manner in which the aforesaid investment would be mobilized?

Green Highways (Plantation and Maintenance) Policy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a new policy titled Green Highways (Plantation and Maintenance) Policy which makes it mandatory for agencies planting trees along highways and also to maintain them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian highways are set to get a greener look as from now on only trees bearing fruits and providing shade like peepal, mahua, mango, imli, jamun, arjun, seesam and jackfruit would be planted along roads unlike the present practice of planting eucalyptus, trees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Works on Ahmedabad-Dandi NH-228

758. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for works of phase-II on Ahmedabad-Dandi NH-228;

(b) whether estimates of phase-II have been approved and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in taking up works of phase-II?

NHAI's development work on arterial routes

759. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: 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 development projects on more than 49,000 km of arterial routes and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that, out of this, work on more than 16,000 km is yet to be awarded and, if so, the details thereof?

Meeting with district collectors to speed up rural development

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to convene a meeting of district collectors at State level to speed up the work of rural development;

(b) if so, the agenda of the proposed meeting;

(c) whether such meetings have been organised by Ministry earlier also; and

(d) if so, the outcome of those meetings?

Scheme for development of gram sachivalayas

761. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on rolling out a new scheme for development of gram sachivalayas and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of various facilities provided at these sachivalayas?

Linking of MGNREGA with Skill Development Programme

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

(a) whether Government proposes to link the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to skill development programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether Government also proposes to train the people in the laying of railway lines, solar energy projects etc. in order to provide employment under MGNREGA; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in employment opportunities in rural areas

†763. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

fact that benefit of development is not trickling down to all the villagers;

(b) whether the level of poverty and unemployment have not come down in the country as per the target of Government;

(c) whether the rural employment growth rate has stagnated after reaching a point;

(d) whether the per capita consumption of foodgrains has come down on account of it; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the employment in rural areas sufficiently?

Progress of SAGY

†764. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages adopted under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) announced by the Prime Minister, State-wise;

(b) the names of villages in Delhi for which consent has been received by Government to make them Adarsh Grams and the details of steps being taken for development in those villages;

(c) the details of standards prescribed for development under SAGY; and

(d) the details of provisions for additional funds under development head besides an MPLAD funds under above scheme?

Increase in MGNREGA wages

765. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is raising the wages of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) workers depending on the inflation;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last six years and the current year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Plan to increase rural income

766. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 75 per cent of the rural households are earning less than five thousand rupees a month;

(b) whether Government has any plans to increase the income bracket of such rural households;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has taken any initiative during the past one year to increase the non-farm job opportunities available in rural India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Connecting villages in Rajasthan with roads

†767. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of villages having Pucca roads in Rajasthan and the details of schemes formulated by Government to

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connect hamlets (dhanis) and village habitations with new roads in view of the desert area;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and the length of approved roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the details of funds provided each year during the above period to the State Government for maintenance of these roads?

Skill development under DDU-GKY

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

(a) the names of programmes being run under the Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and the number of unemployed rural youths having been provided placements through skill training along with the names of the sectors of such placements, so far, State-wise;

(b) whether Government feels that the skill development programmes in the villages have been helpful in preventing the migration of the workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last one year?

Release of MGNREGA funds to Himachal Pradesh

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

(a) whether despite several requests from Himachal Pradesh, Government has not released the remaining amount of Central assistance for 2014-15 under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government is likely to release the said amount to ensure the effective implementation of rural schemes under MGNREGA in the State?

Performance of MGNREGA

770. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons covered under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during 2014-15 compared to the previous two years;

(b) the number of households that received 100 days of MGNREGA employment during 2014-15 compared to the previous two years;

(c) the disbursements under MGNREGA during 2014-15 compared to the previous two years; and

(d) the State-wise performance on the basis of the same parameters?

Connecting villages with metalled roads

771. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the main handicaps with Indian agriculture is the lack of cheap and efficient means of transportation and lakhs of villages are not well connected with main roads or with market centres;

(b) whether most roads in the rural areas are un-metalled (bullock-cart roads) and become useless in the rainy season and as such farmers cannot carry their produce to the main market and are forced to sell it in the local market at low price; and

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(c) if so, the steps taken to connect each village by metalled road?

Upgrading MGNREGA with new skill drive

772. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) with new skill drive for better employment opportunities in the country and abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has made estimates of the cost of such upgradation of MGNREGA and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost likely to be shared by States in such upgradation?

Work under PMGSY in Bihar

†773. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had resolved to link all the villages with a population of 500 with the metalled roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work has been lying pending for many years for want of funds under PMGSY for certain roads like the road from Ram Nagar mor to

Pakadiya mor *via* Sudiyahi in Ram Nagar Panchayat under Phulparas Block in Madhubani district in Bihar which is under construction for four years but the roads have not yet been metalled; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of funds allocated by Government to Bihar during the last three years?

Increase in work days under MGNREGA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has a proposal under consideration to increase the number of promised work days under MGNREGA from 100 to 150 in areas declared to be drought affected by State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the average days of employment provided per household fell to 40.01 during 2014-15 from 45.97 during 2013-14 and 46.20 during 2012-13; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures proposed to be taken?

Conversion of rivers into waterways

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

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steps are being taken by the Ministry for converting the rivers into waterways;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it would be possible and the amount that would be required for this entire process; and

(d) the details of the model proposed to be adopted for its development?

Development of Azhikkal port in Kerala under Sagarmala project

776. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals were already submitted by Government of Kerala to the Central Government regarding development of the Azhikkal port, Kannur District, Kerala under the Sagarmala project and the first stage of project such as warf and godown facility has already been developed by the State Government as recommended by the Central Government;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to include the Azhikkal project under the Sagarmala project;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for completion thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal to develop strategic port in Iran

777. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop a strategic port in Iran with Iranian Government to help boost trade and equally help in other strategic matters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how far this new port would help India strategically;

(d) whether certain countries have

raised any kind of objection to such a development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Power cuts

778. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two months the country has faced frequent power cuts;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

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

(d) the action proposed by Government to remove the power crisis?

Vizhinjam International Container Transshipment Terminal

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

(a) whether the Ministry has carried out feasibility study for the Vizhinjam International Container Transshipment Terminal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the features that make this project important and unique?

Green channel for clearance of coastal cargo

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

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a green channel for clearance of coastal cargo from existing berths;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that coastal cargo is subjected to minimum documentation interface, in order to promote shipping?

Modal shift of cargo from rail/road to coastal shipping

781. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any scheme for incentivizing modal shift of cargo from rail/road to coastal shipping in certain identified cargo categories;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its salient features;

(c) the reasons for delay in implementation of the scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for proper and early implementation of the scheme?

Representations of National Seamen Association of India

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

(a) whether the National Seamen Association of India has made any representations to Government regarding the problems faced by them;

(b) whether it is a fact that these issues relate to the grant of pension and air baggage facilities returning to their homes by air;

(c) whether the Ministry had any time taken up the issue of grant of pension to the seafarers with the Ministry of Finance;

(d) what was response of that Ministry;

(e) whether Government proposes to arrange a meeting of the officials of the

Ministries of Shipping and Finance and association or associations of seafarers; and

(f) if so, when the meeting is likely to be held?

Indian Maritime Service

783. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a dedicated cadre namely Indian Maritime Service for country's maritime sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure better administration of various ports in the country by qualified maritime professionals?

Water transport services in HP

784. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Himachal Pradesh for starting water transport services on 16 routes in Bilaspur, Kangra and Chamba districts of the State as an alternative mode of transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India has also submitted its recommendations to Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken/being taken by Government thereon?

Plan to improve canal system

†785. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the irrigation facilities are not being availed of as the water is not being carried smoothly upto the fields through rivers, ponds and canals because canals have become old and non-functional in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan to improve the canal system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Industries located on bank of river Ganga

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 764 industries are located on the banks of river Ganga and harmful waste discharged from these industries poses a big challenge for the pious stream of the Ganga;

(b) whether it is also a fact that crores of liters of its water is also being used by these industries;

(c) if so, steps taken by Government to impose ban on these industries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ground water quality in Jharkhand

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

(a) whether the condition of ground water quality in Jharkhand is alarming and people drinking such water are suffering from various kinds of water borne ailments;

(b) whether people living in Koyalanchal area of Jharkhand are drinking water polluted by coal dust and other pollutants apart from the fact that it contains fluoride and other chemicals and their lives have become pathetic;

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of action being taken by Government to provide pure drinking water in Jharkhand?

Plan for rainwater harvesting system

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

(a) with groundwater levels falling in the metropolitan cities at rapid rate, whether Government has any plan to make rainwater harvesting system in their homes and colonies mandatory in the new construction which may help restore the depleting water table to some extent;

(b) whether Government has any scheme to grant some rebate to the properties with a functional rainwater harvesting system in the total bill amount; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Providing free water to poor people

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

(a) whether Government is providing free water in the country particularly to the poor people;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inter-linking of Ken-Betwa rivers

790. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in its efforts to inter-link rivers in the country, Government has decided to inter-link Ken-Betwa rivers which is likely to irrigate vast areas of land in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the work on the project is likely to start along with the completion period;

(d) the total estimated cost of the project; and

(e) the steps being taken to ensure that the project is completed within a time bound manner as usually a project of such huge investment gets delayed due to one reason or the other?

Wastage of water in urban areas

791. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of wastage of water, particularly in the urban areas;

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

(c) the initiatives taken by Government for the conservation and management of water along with the funds allocated to the States for the purpose during the last two years, State/UT-wise?

Cleaning of Ganga

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

(a) what is the timeline for cleaning the river Ganga; and

(b) what targets have been achieved, so far?

Availability of water in Narmada river

†793. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of availability of water in Narmada river, State-wise distribution of its water and utilisation of its allocated water by each State, so far, and the time bound action plan for utilisation of remaining allocated water and the time-limit by which sharing of water of Narmada river is to be decided; and

(b) the status of action plan and its implementation with regard to utilisation of water allocated to Madhya Pradesh as its share?

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Siltation in rivers

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

(a) whether the National Water Policy, 2012 incorporates directions with regard to the rivers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has assessed the rate of siltation in rivers in hilly and plain areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the period fixed for re-assessment of silt speed in rivers;

(d) whether the silt speed has been affected due to construction of dams on these rivers; and

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

Acquifer mapping and management in U.P.

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken aquifer mapping and management in the water stressed areas in the State of Uttar Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inter-state water dispute

†796. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT

AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States with which State of Rajasthan is having inter-state water sharing disputes; and

(b) the details of efforts carried out to resolve these disputes by the Central Government, till date?

Declaration of Bargi Diversion Project as National Project

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

(a) whether the high-powered steering committee of the Ministry has recommended the Bargi Diversion Project of Madhya Pradesh to be declared as National Project;

(b) if so, the present status regarding this; and

(c) by when it would be declared as National Project?

Rain water harvesting

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards recently study report, while looking at NASA satellite data on rain water harvesting concept and its benefits;

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

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(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for encouraging rain water harvesting concept, particularly in dense population areas in the country?

Clean Ganga Mission

799. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Clean Ganga Mission;

(b) whether Government is aware that it is an economic issue as the livelihood of 500 million people are dependent on it;

(c) if so, whether Government has identified industries polluting the river;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has taken any steps in this regard?

Meeting of Polavaram Dam Authority with National Monitoring Committee on Land Acquisition

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

(a) whether the National Monitoring Committee on Land Acquisition had extended an invitation to Polavaram Dam Authority to attend a meeting on May 25, 2015 to discuss land acquisition issues;

(b) whether it is a fact that Polavaram Dam Authority had absented itself from this meeting;

(c) what are the reasons for such absence;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Polavaram Dam Authority wanted the meeting to be held at Polavaram itself;

(e) if so, whether the Ministry has considered its request; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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