

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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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

#### Insulation of UMPPs from fluctuation in prices of imported coal

1281. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:  
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to insulate Ultra Mega Power Plants (UMPPs) from steep fluctuations in prices of imported coal;

(b) what is the formula to be used to index costs of imported coal used in such UMPPs;

(c) whether UMPPs at Mundhra and Krishnapatnam would possibly benefit from this new policy;

(d) whether such insulation of imported coal could also be extended to all other coal-based power plants, irrespective of their size; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Revenue generation from auction of coal blocks

†1282. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue generation from the auction of coal has increased considerably during the present NDA Government in comparison to the UPA Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the royalty amount of States has increased a lot during the present NDA Government in comparison to the UPA Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Auction of coal blocks

†1283. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the auction process has been banned as Government did not get the

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desired result by auction of coal blocks last time;

(b) whether Government is considering to import coal in view of its production; and

(c) whether the demand of coal has been decreased due to under generation of electricity than the capacity of power plants of the country?

#### **Coal production**

1284. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether India plans to expand coal output to 1.5 million metric tonnes by 2020 from an estimated 634 million tonnes during the year ended March, 2016;

(b) whether India's coal deficit is expected to narrow to 163 million tonnes by 2020 from 191 million tonnes during 2016;

(c) whether India is set to surpass the US, as the world's biggest coal producer after China, by 2020 as Coal India Limited ramps up output to meet the demand of domestic power generators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Achievement of cleaner coal technology**

1285. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry aims to achieve coal production of 1500 MT by 2022;

(b) in view of major environmental concerns, especially the climate change, how Government aims to counter the polluting effects of coal; and

(c) the details of progress made with respect to cleaner coal technologies?

#### **Deaths in coal mines**

1286. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 65 deaths have been reported in coal mines of India during the first half of the year 2016 and if so, the details of the dead and the casualties, State-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of deaths occurring in private or illegal coal mines go unreported; and

(c) if so, what are the safety measures being adopted by Government and the details of compensation modalities for such fatalities?

#### **Coal washeries in Maharashtra**

1287. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed coal washeries in the coal bearing areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all of them are operational, at present;

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

(e) whether Government proposes to increase the number of coal washeries in the State; and

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

### **Shortage and import of coal**

1288. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of shortage of coal in the country and the reasons therefor;

(b) the production, demand, supply and import of coal by CIL and its subsidiaries during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise and State-wise along with the foreign exchange spent on import of coal during that period; and

(c) the details of coal blocks/reserves allocated to private sector and Public Sector Undertakings during the said period and the funds generated through auction of coal blocks/reserves?

### **Conducting electronic auction of coal blocks**

1289. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to allow companies to submit multiple bids through joint ventures and group subsidiaries in the future coal block allocations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General's report found fault with the process adopted by Government;

(c) whether the electronic auction conducted by Government has worked well, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Setting up of JBCCI**

1290. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry (JBCCI) has

been set up by Government to negotiate with workers demanding a salary hike; and

(b) if not, by when Government would set up JBCCI to meet the demands of coal workers?

### **Excess coal stocks**

1291. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal stocks are overflowing and there is no place to store excess coal so much so that Government has directed to stop further mining of coal; and

(b) if so, the steps, if any, taken by Government to eliminate import of coal and boost its export?

### **Status of SBM**

1292. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States and cities within them which have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) the number of toilets constructed under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) the amount collected and transferred as Swachh Bharat Cess from the beginning of its launch till 2016, State-wise; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism to ensure efficient utilization of funds provided?

### **Water borne diseases**

1293. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is estimated that around 37.7 million Indians are affected by water borne diseases annually, 1.5 million children are estimated to die of diarrhoea alone, 73 million working days are lost due to water borne diseases each year and the resulting economic burden is estimated at \$ 600 million a year; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government?

#### **Establishment of Water Quality Testing Laboratories**

1294. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are less Water Quality Testing Laboratories (WQTLs) in North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of WQTLs set up during the last three years in NER along with their operational status;

(c) whether the proposals for establishment of WQTLs in NER are pending with Government for approval and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has proposed for ensuring regular maintenance of water treatment systems in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the districts in NER would get at least one WQTL?

#### **Operation of NGOs under drinking water schemes**

1295. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some NGOs are working

under any scheme in the area of providing drinking water to the citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes in operation in North Eastern Region (NER);

(c) whether the financial assistance is provided by Government under such scheme;

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

(e) whether Government is encouraging NGOs for their active participation in the effective implementation of such schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds under TSC in Maharashtra**

1296. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) in the rural areas of Maharashtra and the rest of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds released under TSC to Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise and the results achieved therefrom?

#### **Funds earmarked for SBM**

1297. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds earmarked for the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) whether the funds are allocated for the entire country or whether areas have been specified and if so, the details of areas specified;

(c) how much funds has been earmarked exclusively for villages under this Mission; and

(d) the details of/about the number of villages in Odisha which has been shortlisted to be covered under the Mission for the current and the next financial years?

#### **Loans to people for construction of toilets**

1298. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing loans to people for construction of toilets in their houses;

(b) if so, what is the maximum amount of loan that is being provided with the terms and conditions associated for availing the loan; and

(c) whether there is any deadline fixed for availing the loan for construction of toilets?

#### **Status of construction of toilets under SBM**

†1299. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise status of construction of toilets/public conveniences under Swachh Bharat Mission till now and the time bound target of construction of remaining toilets/public conveniences; and

(b) the number of units where the system of independent water sources/water supply is available to make the said arrangements working?

#### **Per capita availability of drinking water**

†1300. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita availability of drinking water in the country is continuously declining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the quantity of water that is being drawn for bottled water constitutes one fourth quantity of water of the world and whether four litres of water is wasted for one litre of bottled water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Supply of potable water**

†1301. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated any scheme to provide potable water to common people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of States of the country where work is being done under the Potable Water Mission, so far and the names of districts of Bihar in which this scheme is going on; and

(d) the time period Government has planned to complete this scheme?

#### **Status of SBM**

1302. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of rural districts which were Open Defecation Free (ODF) even before the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) was started in October, 2014;

(b) the number of rural districts which became ODF since October 2, 2014, State-wise;

(c) the number of villages which have become ODF and which are yet to become ODF, State-wise;

(d) the manner in which it is determined that a village has become ODF; and

(e) how much the Ministry has spent on SBM so far and how much the States have contributed to SBM so far, year-wise and State-wise?

#### **Implementation of NRDWP**

1303. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), which had been launched in 2013, it was estimated that 551 pcd water would be made available to at least 50 per cent of rural population in the country by 2017;

(b) if so, what is the physical progress till date and how much of funds have been released to various State Governments towards implementation of NRDWP since 2013, financial year-wise; and

(c) whether the projection as per the NRDWP shall be achieved within the targeted time or it shall be extended further?

#### **Target of construction of toilets**

1304. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gap between actual number of toilets constructed and the number displayed on the Ministry's website, as per the reports of National Level Monitors, during the last year and the current year, so far, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the same; and

(c) the measures Government would take to ensure to achieve the target of actual construction of toilets instead of on papers and websites only?

#### **Roadmap for energy requirements**

1305. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Climate Change Treaty ratification instrument submitted by Government;

(b) whether Government has finalized year-wise roadmap for the energy requirements based on energy sources;

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

(d) whether the cost of energy for the consumers is going to rise because of the treaty; and

(e) if so, whether Government has any plan to prevent this rise from affecting consumers?

#### **World Bank assistance for abatement of pollution**

1306. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has been providing financial assistance to the States for pollution abatement and to make the environment pollution free; and

(b) if so, the details of funds released during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Tamil Nadu?

**Action plan on air pollution and smog**

1307. DR. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether in view of worst air pollution and smog level in Delhi recently, any action plan is proposed by Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what directions were given by NGT and the Supreme Court in this regard;

(d) whether any short-term, medium-term and long-term measures were suggested for the neighbouring States to tackle air pollution in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Damage to Yamuna flood plains**

1308. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee of experts, appointed by the National Green Tribunal, opined that serious damage has been caused to Yamuna flood plains in Delhi where world culture festivals of Art of Living was held during the last March;

(b) if so, the reactions of Government thereto; and

(c) the actions being taken by Government to set right the damages?

**Development and conservation of forest cover**

†1309. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to formulate an appropriate programme for proper development and conservation of forest cover in the country and for the development of forest based industries and people working therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Restoration of river Jhelum**

1310. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a plan to bring river Jhelum under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for its restoration especially after September, 2014 floods in valley which has led to the threat of its massive degradation; and

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

**Environmental clearance to projects**

1311. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of projects, out of the total number of applications received, which got environmental clearance from the Ministry during the last two years and such percentage during 2009 to 2014;

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(b) whether the speedy clearances of development projects may compromise the ecological security;

(c) if so, what steps Government intends to take to ensure that ecological security is not compromised; and

(d) if not, the details of manners in which it would not be compromised?

#### **Recyclable waste**

1312. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) how much recyclable waste is being generated every day in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai;

(b) what percentage of it is plastic waste;

(c) how much of these is being disposed of as per the rules; and

(d) the reasons, if it is not so disposed?

#### **Population of tigers**

†1313. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the number of tigers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the total number of tigers has increased during the last few years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of methodologies adopted for tiger census; and

(d) whether any accurate methodologies and scientific techniques have been adopted for the above census and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decrease in forest cover**

†1314. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forest cover is decreasing in the country due to encroachment and human activities and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to make digital mapping and physical counting/assessment of trees in those areas where usually forest cover is encroached upon and forests are cut and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to increase forest area/cover in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rising pollution in Delhi**

1315. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has shown concern towards rising air pollution in Delhi due to which people's daily lives have been affected and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what measures have been taken to tackle the pollution by Government; and

(c) whether Government is planning to launch a scheme with regard to this issue and if so, the quantum of funds required for such a scheme?

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**Projects of Uttarakhand for  
development works and  
road construction**

†1316. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects along with their names and dates of their receipt from Uttarakhand under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for development works and road construction;

(b) the details of projects approved under the Act; and

(c) the names of projects which have not been sanctioned, so far, district-wise?

**Curbing air pollution in Delhi**

1317. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is strictly monitoring the implementation of various preventive steps being declared in order to curb air pollution in Delhi and other cities;

(b) whether any violation of obeying Government order in this regard have been reported; and

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

**Checking the spreading of air  
pollution**

1318. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) keeping in view the sharp increase in the level of air pollution in Delhi and NCR region, what steps Government has taken so far to stop spreading of this poisonous air to other safer places/cities; and

(b) the details in this regard?

**Effects of climate change**

†1319. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) the details of data regarding huge effects and changes in the country due to climate change during the last ten years;

(b) the steps taken by Government to check and control the ill effects of climate change; and

(c) whether any mission mode project has been launched to address the problem?

**Standards for treatment of electronic  
waste**

1320. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any comparative study of Indian standards *vis-a-vis* international standards for treatment of electronic waste;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the dumping of electronic waste?

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### **Clean drinking water to people**

1321. OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note that the rapid population growth has accelerated the inaccessibility of 1.1 billion people to clean drinking water due to high population density and highly polluted rivers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action and policy measures and being adopted to tackle this problem?

### **Death of people due to animal attack**

1322. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of people died due to tiger and elephant attack has increased in recent years in the country;

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

(c) the States which have approached the Central Government for additional funds for making safe zones for these animals; and

(d) the details of these States and the funds released to those States during the current year?

### **Sharing value of forest land to local tribal communities**

1323. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has hiked rates of Net Present Value (NPV) of forest lands but not accepted to share half the money for development of local tribal communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large quantity of money has been collected as NPVs from industries during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the quantum thereof used for development of local communities, region-wise?

### **Punishment and fine for hunting forest animals**

†1324. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to impose harsh punishment and heavy fines on people hunting forest animals;

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

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

### **Field trials of GM chickpea**

1325. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the field trials of genetically modified (GM) chickpea (Chana) was being carried out during the last two years;

(b) whether ICRISAT has also developed GM arhar;

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(c) if so, how Government is planning to go ahead on these GM crops;

(d) whether Government would be able to achieve the target of production of 27.5 million tonnes of pulses and of its productivity of 1,000 Kgs per hectare by 2025 without GM crops; and

(e) if not, what constraints Government has to approve these GM crops?

#### **Replacement of rules for plastic waste management**

1326. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for replacing the earlier rules by new rules for plastic waste management;

(b) how the producers' responsibility would be enforced under new rules both in urban and rural areas;

(c) whether the new rules integrate informal sector waste collectors like kabaadi walas;

(d) if not, whether there is any plan to do so; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Climate Change Fund**

1327. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) the details of India's contribution/participation in UNFCCC's Green Climate Fund introduced to tackle climate change;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to introduce a Climate Change Fund within India as well for implementing climate change strategies; and

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

#### **Extinction of wildlife**

1328. KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards World Wildlife Federation's Report-2016 wherein it has been mentioned that during the next four years 50 per cent of wildlife in the country would be extinct;

(b) if so, whether Government has undertaken any study about the threat and about the reasons for such extinction; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to save wildlife?

#### **Illegal felling of trees**

1329. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to tackle illegal felling of trees;

(b) whether Government has assessed the impact of felling of trees on environment;

(c) whether there is an established procedure to account for the number of trees felled illegally and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding the number of cases of illegal felling of trees and the total number of trees felled during the last three years, State and UT-wise?

**Water pollution due to idol immersion**

1330. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of idol immersion in water bodies have seen a rise in the recent years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any study assessing the short and long term impact of idol immersion in water bodies and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to reduce water pollution because of idol immersion?

**EIA report for buildings and real estate Projects**

1331. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of K. Kasturirangan Committee Report set up to assess the need for Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) for buildings and real estate projects;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any Environment Impact Assessments for real estate projects and buildings thereafter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Consultation with States of GM mustard**

1332. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST

AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have been consulted in the matter of GM mustard approval for commercial cultivation;

(b) if so, what are the States which approved the GM mustard for commercial cultivation and which are against the approval; and

(c) what measures are being taken to ensure that State Government's policies in this regard are not disregarded or infringed upon?

**Draft rules for acceptable noise levels at airports**

1333. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has published draft rules setting out the acceptable noise levels at airports; and

(b) if so, the details of tolerance limit in decibels, at each of the airports in the country?

**Compliance of advisory on pollution in Delhi**

1334. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Government has failed to address or follow 42 points advisory given by the Central Government with regard to dangerous level of repeating pollution in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with the measures taken by Government to bring effective compliance mechanism in place and to address the repeated high-level Pollution in Delhi?

**Ratification of Paris Climate Change Agreement**

1335. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has ratified the Paris Climate Change Agreement and if so, what are its implications for the country; and

(b) whether a roadmap has been formulated for year-wise achievement of targets required for fulfilling India's commitments?

**Environmental clearance for steel flyover between Basaveshwara Circle and Hebbal**

1336. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any environmental clearance has been sought by the Karnataka Government for the 1,791 crore six-lane proposed steel flyover between Basaveshwara Circle and Hebbal, along the route leading to the international airport in Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) has gone beyond its mandate if it has given approval to this proposal without any impact study on grounds?

**Proposals pending for environmental clearances**

1337. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Shri Mohd. Ali Khan:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,

FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of proposals from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are pending before Government for environmental clearances; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Identification of wild life habitats outside protected areas**

1338. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any areas as wild life habitats lying outside the protected areas in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of activities, particularly conservation of nature carried out in such areas, with a view to support wild life; and

(d) the details of funds allocated for this purpose during the last five years?

**International Agreement to reduce carbon footprints**

1339. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any International Agreement to reduce carbon foot prints and pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the detailed calibration and evaluation of pollution levels in major cities in the country, city-wise; and

(d) the multi-departmental and multi-pronged steps taken by the Central Government to reduce carbon foot prints and fossil fuel pollution in the country?

**Meeting for long term solution on pollution in NCR**

1340. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) in the wake of hazardous level of air pollution in NCR, what are the details of long term solutions discussed in the meeting between the Union Minister and the Environment Ministers of Delhi and surrounding States;

(b) whether there is any time-frame in place to adopt these long term solutions; and

(c) the details of financial and other assistance offered by Government to the States for long term solution of the pollution problem?

**Auction process of diamond mines**

†1341. DR. SUBHASH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started the auction process of diamond mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of revenue likely to be recovered by State and Central Governments from this auction; and

(d) the places in the country where these blocks of diamond mines are located which are proposed to be auctioned?

**LoIs to mining companies**

1342. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain States had granted Letters of Intents (LoIs) to

some mining companies before the change in MMDR Act and are now required to grant them mining licences by January, 2017;

(b) if so, how many such proposals are pending with Government for environment and forest clearances respectively;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to grant conditional mining licences to such companies, if environment and forest clearances are not given till January, 2017; and

(d) whether the Ministry has consulted the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on this issue and if so, the results thereof?

**Introduction of District Mineral Foundation Levy**

1343. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has introduced the District Mineral Foundation Levy and the same is required to be paid by all miners;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the amount collected under the said levy would be utilized for financing development projects in mining affected areas in the country; and

(c) if so, the total amount, so far, collected and utilized for the development projects as aimed till now?

**Extention of Mining Surveillance System**

1344. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

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is planning to extend the Mining Surveillance System (MSS) to the general public to alert the authorities as whistleblowers against illegal mining; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Extension of non-captive leases**

1345. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries have demanded that the non-captive leases should be extended till March 31, 2030 in line with the existing captive leases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the holders of existing non-captive leases have over the years invested a huge amount in exploration and plant machinery; and

(c) whether there is a need to give the first right of refusal to the existing holders when they would come up for auctioning, as in case of captive leases and as demanded by the said Federation?

#### **Use of degenerated land due to mining activities**

†1346. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total land covered under large and small scale mining in Jharkhand and the land degenerated due to mining activities there; and

(b) whether Government intends to take necessary action for utilization of the said degenerated land for agriculture, industries, forest and environmental purposes and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Pending applications for mining licences**

1347. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several applications for grant of mining licences are pending before the Ministry and the State Governments though they have to be finalized before two years from the date of commencement of MMDR Act, 2015;

(b) if so, the details of pending applications before the Ministry and the State Governments, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is planning to clear these pending licences within two years, time-limit?

#### **Auctioning of mega solar parks**

1348. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to auction mega solar parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financing model of such solar parks; and

(d) how the States and people would benefit from these solar parks, the details thereof?

#### **Solar power plants**

1349. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of solar power plants

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set up during the last five years, year-wise and the present status of pending projects, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has chalked out new and innovative financing schemes to promote the solar energy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any collaboration with NABARD for promotion of solar energy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of proposals received from Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh for setting up of solar power plants and developing solar cities during the last two years and the current year and the action taken thereon?

#### **Subsidy to solar pumps for farmers**

1350. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to subsidize solar pumps for farmers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of subsidy; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to promote farm activities using solar power in rural areas?

#### **Share of new and renewable energy**

1351. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage of new and renewable energy out of the total energy generated in the country during the last three years;

(b) what is the perspective therefor during the next five years;

(c) which of the renewable energies is continuing most now;

(d) what is the perspective therefor during the coming years; and

(e) what are the main impediments in increasing new and renewable energy generation?

#### **Wind and solar power capacity**

1352. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total changes of wind power generation capacity in Megawatts during 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(b) the total changes of solar power generation capacity in Megawatts on during 2014-15 and 2015-16?

#### **Solar power projects in Jharkhand**

1353. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the establishment of solar power projects are lagging behind in Jharkhand as the developers have not secured any Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with Government;

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

(c) whether the State Government is hesitating to enter into PPAs only because of the agreed rate which they have agreed to purchase power from the developers and if so, the details thereof; and



(d) the steps being taken by Government to resolve the issue for early establishment of solar power projects in the State?

**Development of new and affordable sources of solar energy**

1354. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is developing new and affordable sources of solar energy besides educating rural masses about the benefits of switching over to solar energy;

(b) whether Government is coaxing the private sector to step in and compliment the States' initiatives; and

(c) if so, what serious steps Government is taking to create conducive atmosphere for private capital inflow to this sector to usher in 'sunny days' in rural India?

**Domestic and imported silicon used for solar power sector**

†1355. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) the quantity of domestically produced and imported silicon that is being used in solar power sector;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the rates of domestically produced and imported silicon; and

(d) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to promote the use of domestically produced silicon and the amount spent thereon during the last three years?

**Improvement of PRIs**

1356. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state the various steps undertaken by Government to improve the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the country, particularly in Kerala?

**Computerisation under e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project**

1357. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the importance of computerization at gram panchayat level, what steps Government has taken so far under e-Panchayat Mission Mode project;

(b) whether Government has allocated funds to States including West Bengal for provisions of computers in each panchayat during the last three years, State and UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has proposed any framework for providing effective use of technology at panchayat level, including targeted training modules for rural citizens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, region-wise including West Bengal?

**Funds for rural and urban local bodies**

1358. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided adequate funds for welfare and development

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of rural and urban local bodies in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total numbers of rural and urban local bodies in the country, State-wise;

(c) the funds released to various States during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the effective steps taken by the Central Government to reach out to every household at Panchayat level to propagate awareness about the schemes and welfare measures implemented by the Central Government?

**Threat on jobs due to automation/  
robotic inventions**

1359. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards any report of World Bank research wherein it is stated that 69 per cent of the jobs in the country is threatened due to use of automation/robotic inventions and if so, Government's response thereto;

(b) whether the unemployment is rapidly increasing due to fall in manufacturing growth in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase more job opportunities in the country?

**New/major/flagship schemes**

1360. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new/major/flagship schemes initiated by the present Government along with their prime objectives; and

(b) the details of schemes which were prevailing previously and have been modified and/or rechristened by the present Government along with their respective objectives and associated guidelines and the reasons therefor?

**Agricultural Marketing and Farmer  
Friendly Reforms Index**

1361. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has just released the Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index, ranking States on three major parameters;

(b) whether the Index is aimed at helping States to identify and address problems in farm sector suffering from low growth, low income and agrarian unrest; and

(c) whether, according to NITI Aayog Index, agrarian reforms have remained patchy, partial and implemented in a slipshod manner?

**Report of oversight committee for  
Subansiri Lower Hydel  
Power Project**

1362. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an eight member project oversight committee for Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project was formed in December, 2014 by Government;

(b) if so, whether the committee has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Upgradation of technologies for power generation**

1363. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that the power generators revive and upgrade their old plants running on outdated technologies;

(b) whether there is any time-frame or deadline therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Rural electrification target**

†1364. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the target fixed by Government for providing electricity to all the villages in the country has been achieved;

(b) the number of villages in States/ Union Territories, at present, which have not been electrified, State-wise; and

(c) the details of target set for electrification of every house during 2014 to 2016 and the achievements of target in percentage?

### **Non-implementation of RGGVY**

1365. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana has not been started in many States;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the scheme; and

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

### **Electrification of villages**

1366. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages without electricity before April, 2014; and

(b) the total number of villages without electricity as on September, 2016?

### **Fall in price of LED bulbs**

1367. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the purchase price of LED bulbs has been consistently falling over the last couple of years;

(b) what is the total number of dwelling units provided with LED bulbs under the UJALA scheme, as on date;

(c) whether Government is strictly following the International Energy Agency's global LED programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Free connections to every households**

1368. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a scheme to extend financial support to States to offer new electricity connections to every household free of cost;

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(b) if so, the number of households in the country proposed to be covered under the scheme, State-wise; and

(c) the details of scheme and the timeline for its implementation?

#### **Re-assessment of hydro-power potential**

1369. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct the re-assessment studies of hydro-power potential of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete measures taken/being taken by Government to promote hydro-power in the country?

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

1370. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked each State Government and Union Territory to provide electricity connections to all, once electricity reaches in a village, to achieve 100 per cent electrification;

(b) whether this issue was discussed in the just concluded conference of Power Ministers of States and Union Territories;

(c) if so, the details of deliberations made in the said conference; and

(d) whether the average cost of a connection to a BPL household has been estimated at ₹ 3000/- which would be borne by the Centre alone?

#### **Establishment of Ultra Mega Power Plants in Telangana**

1371. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Telangana Government requesting for setting up of Ultra Mega Power Plants to meet the demand for power in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Ministry on such request; and

(d) the details of States which have sent proposals and which are pending with the Ministry for approval?

#### **Debt recast of discoms**

1372. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet has recently cleared 7 billion dollar debt recast and reforms package to boost discoms;

(b) what are the reasons for discom's ailment;

(c) to what extent failure in revising tariff whenever required impacts the present status of discoms; and

(d) how the Ministry is planning to not only push efficiency in management but also to revise tariff whenever required to keep discoms alive?

#### **Cost of power from Barh Stage-I and II project**

1373. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state whether the Ministry is

aware of the fact that the procurement cost of power from Barh Stage-I and II of NTPC situated in Bihar is very high in comparison to the present procurement cost of power from Eastern Region's (ER) NTPC stations *i.e.* ₹ 3.15/Kwh approximately and currently Odisha is having increased allocation from NTPC and independent power plants?

#### **Power distribution companies**

1374. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many power distribution companies are currently working in India;

(b) the details of such companies working in public and private sectors separately, State-wise; and

(c) the turnover recorded by each of such companies during the last five years?

#### **Push to hydro-power generation**

1375. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to formulate a policy to push stalled hydro-power projects and extend the benefits for renewable sources like wind and solar to hydro projects beyond 25 MW capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hydro-power potential in the country has been estimated at about 150 GW with 50 GW coming from Arunachal Pradesh alone; and

(d) whether the planned hydro-power generation capacity addition of 4,371 MW, out of the total target of 10,897 MW, during the Twelfth Five Year Plan would not be achieved?

#### **Representation of Rajasthan in BBMB**

†1376. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is not being given adequate representation in the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of appointments made by Government in BBMB, since its beginning till date for the posts of full-time Members, Secretary and Additional Secretary along with their tenure and States; and

(c) whether Government proposes to appoint any officer from Rajasthan to the post of Secretary in BBMB and if so, by when?

#### **Hydro-power generation**

1377. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power generated by hydro-power projects in the country as on 31st October, 2016, State-wise;

(b) the number of hydro-power projects pending for clearance as on that date along with the power generation capacity of each such project; and

(c) the States likely to be benefited by clearance of these projects?

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**NTPC units in tribal and rural areas**

†1378. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NTPC units established in tribal and rural areas of the country;

(b) the details of problems that occurred in these units during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of steps taken to prevent such recurring problems in these units?

**Implementation of amended pollution control rules in thermal power plants**

1379. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan to implement the amended pollution control rules in all the thermal power plants across the country in a time bound manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Conversion of State Highways into National Highways**

1380. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the number of State Highways converted into National Highways during

the last two years and proposed to be converted during the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether any proposal for the said purpose has been received from the State Governments, including Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and is pending and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent during the last two years in this regard and the amount provided in the budget for the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the details of progress of conversion during the current year and the schedule of completion of work, State-wise?

**Road safety audit**

†1381. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering seriously to conduct the road safety audit in States;

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

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

**Status of Gurgaon-Jaipur National Highway**

1382. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target date for completion of widening of National Highway stretch from Gurgaon to Jaipur which had been started in 2009;

(b) the reasons for delay in its completion;

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(c) the total number of accidents including deaths on this highway stretch during the last three years; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government to check the increasing number of fatal accidents on this stretch?

**Construction of National Highways in  
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**

1383. SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given acceptance for construction of National Highways in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of present status thereof and of National Highways considered for construction; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and released, so far, for their early construction?

**Condition of National Highway No. 87  
from Rampur to Rudrapur**

†1384. 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 the condition of National Highway No. 87 from Rampur to Rudrapur is not good for vehicles even after its repeated maintenance;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would contemplate to get this highway constructed with cement; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Use of social media to identify bad  
roads**

†1385. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is avoiding the use of modern day mobile facilities like whatsapp and facebook;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether it is possible for the Ministry to ask for the pictures of National Highways that are in poor condition through whatsapp and facebook, and to assure their instant repair; and

(c) if not, the ways through which the Ministry gets information on bad condition of National Highways and the time taken to tackle with the situation after getting the information?

**Electronic/innovative toll  
management system**

1386. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce electronic/innovative ways for toll collection in the entire country keeping in view the increasing traffic at toll plazas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these electronic/innovative ways are likely to be implemented across the country?

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**Widening of National Highway No. 24**

1387. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:  
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT  
AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current status of the  
proposed widening of NH-24 leading to  
Delhi; and

(b) by when, the work is expected to be  
completed?

**Traffic jams in Delhi**

†1388. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that studies have  
brought forth the fact that buses and other  
vehicles do not follow the rules pertaining  
to lane driving in Delhi which causes an  
increase in accidents and jams;

(b) if so, the measures being taken in  
this regard;

(c) whether it has also emerged from  
the studies that jams are also being caused  
due to illegal encroachment on roads at  
many places; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cases of animals killed by speeding  
vehicles**

1389. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the  
Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND  
HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry records

incidents of roadkill, *i.e.*, the number of  
animals who are killed due to speeding  
vehicles and other road accidents;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and  
whether the Ministry proposes to maintain  
such a database?

**Discontinuing diesel vehicles**

1390. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT  
AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on  
remarks made by the Supreme Court  
regarding discontinuing the use of old diesel  
vehicles in NCR;

(b) if so, the details of plan proposed  
therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**New norms for expansion of State  
roads as National Highways**

1391. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:

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

(a) whether Government has revised the  
norms for construction and conversion of  
State roads into National Highways and if  
so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the execution of road works  
would be taken up in such cases where  
100 per cent land acquisition has been made;

(c) whether the State Governments have  
expressed their indifference to this  
condition; and

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(d) whether Government has taken steps to bring consensus among State Governments in this matter and if so, the details thereof?

**Development and improvement of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh**

1392. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways across the country, as on date;

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

(c) if so, the funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh by the Central Government for upkeep of National Highways during the above period and till date?

**Achievements of the Ministry**

1393. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the Ministry's achievements during that period were presented before the Prime Minister;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

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

(e) what are 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 during the coming years?

**Road works in Hyderabad-Karnataka region**

1394. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the road works undertaken in the Hyderabad-Karnataka Region, the details of length of the roads constructed, the amount allocated and the time frame for completion thereof?

**Protection to good samaritans**

1395. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the Supreme Court's guidelines to protect Good Samaritans;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to come up with a Central policy or legislation for the same; and

(c) the details of State legislations regarding the same?

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

1396. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to convert State Highways of Odisha into new National Highways during the current fiscal year;

- (b) if so, the details; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Work on Srinagar-Banihal Section of NH-1A**

1397. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of Srinagar-Banihal Highway project for rehabilitation, strengthening and four-laning of Srinagar-Banihal section of NH-1A, which is on DBFOT (annuity) basis, is likely to be completed by the Chinese company;

(b) whether it is a fact that many Chinese companies are showing their keen interest in NHAI projects and are participating in bidding of those projects; and

(c) if so, the details of projects awarded to or participated by Chinese companies during the last five years?

#### **Projects in Assam**

1398. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects Government has undertaken for development of roads and National Highways in Assam during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(b) the details of such projects and the present status their execution?

#### **Structures on Delhi-Jaipur highway**

1399. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many structures have been

proposed for six laning of Delhi-Jaipur highway and out of this, how many structures have been accepted;

(b) the number of incomplete structures; and

(c) whether engineering solutions, like removing black spots, have been incorporated to help reduce the number of accidents and fatalities on new highways?

#### **Cost of transportation of goods**

1400. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative cost of logistics (transportation of goods) in internal trade in India *vis-à-vis* rest of the world; and

(b) what steps are under consideration of Government for improving the situation?

#### **NHAI permission on projects involving National Highways**

1401. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) permission is mandatory for every State Government projects involving National Highways;

(b) if so, whether any clearance has been sought by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and the Karnataka Government from NHAI to facilitate the extension and alignment of the proposed steel flyover beyond Hebbal in Bengaluru involving National Highway No. 4; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Speed of construction of highways *vis*  
a *vis* number of vehicles**

†1402. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PARASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether a report submitted in last  
September by the Department of  
Transport Research has highlighted that  
highways are not being constructed at the  
rate at which the number of vehicles is  
increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of construction of roads,  
in kilometres during the last five years, year-  
wise and State-wise; and

(d) the present status thereof?

**Working of DDU-GKY**

1403. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the  
Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be  
pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates trained and  
provided the jobs under the Deen Dayal  
Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana  
(DDU-GKY) during the last two years;

(b) the details of funds allocated and  
utilized under the scheme during the last  
two years; and

(c) the details of funds allocated to the  
placement-linked skill schemes of the  
National Rural Livelihoods Mission  
(NRLM) from 2005 till 2014, prior to the  
launch of DDU-GKY?

**Targets under PMGSY**

1404. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will  
the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to  
achieve hundred per cent all weather road  
connectivity under the Pradhan Mantri  
Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) by the year  
2019;

(b) if so, the details of the plan to achieve  
the target;

(c) the details of funds required to  
achieve the target;

(d) whether the Ministry has issued  
instructions to the States to ensure timely  
submission of projects and if so, the details  
thereof; and

(e) the response from the States along  
with the details of total number of new  
projects submitted by them both under new  
connectivity and under upgradation  
proposals, State/UT-wise?

**Meeting of Pradhan Mantri Awaas  
Yojana Committee**

1405. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will  
the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Pradhan  
Mantri Awaas Yojana Committee was held  
recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with  
the matters discussed in the meeting  
pertaining particularly to Andhra Pradesh  
and Telangana; and

(c) whether the meeting has taken a  
decision to release funds for the financial  
year 2016-17 to the States and if so, the  
details thereof, State-wise?

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#### **Status of Indira Awaas Yojana**

1406. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the aims and objectives of the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY);

(b) the goals set and achieved under IAY since its introduction, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether there are any plans to discontinue IAY;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of projects that are under construction, State-wise and what would happen to ongoing projects under IAY?

#### **Quota for general category in Kerala under PMAY-G**

1407. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), Kerala has been allocated only 24,341 houses for 2016-17, including allocations for SCs, STs and OBCs and that no houses for general category have been sanctioned; and

(b) whether realizing that this goes against the findings of SECC 2011, Government would sanction houses for the general category as well and raise the total number of houses for the State from the present 24,341 to 50,000 for the current and the next three years?

#### **Job card holders in Punjab under MGNREGA**

1408. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of job cards issued

to households in Punjab during the last three years and the current year under MGNREGA, district-wise;

(b) the number of cases in the State wherein households with job cards sought to work under MGNREGA but could not be so provided for a minimum period of 100 days during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) whether there are cases in which the entitlements have not reached the deserving card holders in the State during that period and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Employment under MGNREGA**

1409. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:  
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many households get work under MGNREGA;

(b) how many adivasis and dalits get work under MGNREGA; and

(c) how many households would lose out the right to work if MGNREGA is restricted to poorest 200 districts?

#### **Target under DDU-GKY**

1410. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA:  
SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY);

(b) the details of target set to create

skilled workforce under DDU-GKY during 2015-16; and

(c) the number of youth trained and the number of new jobs generated under DDU-GKY?

**Irregularities in payments under MGNREGA in Jharkhand**

1411. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are allegations that payments under MGNREGA in Jharkhand are being made, in a large number of cases, on forged documents including Identity Cards, etc.;

(b) whether the Ministry has received complaints regarding bogus payments in the State;

(c) whether any independent mechanism has been put in place by the Ministry to stem such practices; and

(d) what action has been taken against concerned officers who collude in such practices?

**Persons provided work under MGNREGA**

†1412. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who want work and the number of days of work provided each month during 2015 and upto August, 2016 under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), State-wise; and

(b) the details regarding the types of work undertaken and the outcome of the

review of MGNREGA till now on the basis of work done?

**Digitization of land records in Uttar Pradesh under NLRMP**

1413. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 70 districts of Uttar Pradesh are to be digitized and land records modernized under the National Land Records Modernisation Programme (NLRMP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount released, so far, under the scheme for the said purpose;

(d) whether any proposal sent by the State Government for the said purpose has been received by the Central Government for approval and release of funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the amount required therefor and Government's reaction thereto?

**Funds allocated under PMGSY to West Bengal, Maharashtra and Haryana**

1414. KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and spent by Government under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year in West Bengal, Maharashtra and Haryana;

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(b) the details of road projects completed during the said period in these States, project-wise; and

(c) the details of ongoing work/pending work under PMGSY in these States?

#### **Irregularities in PMGSY**

†1415. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received information/complaints regarding irregularities in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also aware of irregularities in awarding contracts in some States;

(d) whether the release of funds for road construction has been delayed;

(e) whether Government has received CAG report regarding PMGSY; and

(f) if so, the action taken by Government thereon and the steps taken to redress the irregularities?

#### **Assistance for rural development schemes**

†1416. DR. SUBHASH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present schemes of Government for development of villages;

(b) the amount of financial help that Government could provide to each village and the grounds on which it is provided;

(c) whether Government provides

assistance separately to schemes of the States for rural development; and

(d) if so, the details of amount provided during the last two years, State-wise?

#### **Development projects along rivers**

1417. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government regarding the proposed nationalisation of six rivers;

(b) whether any land is proposed to be acquired along the banks of rivers;

(c) whether the Inland Waterways Authority proposes to make any constructions on such land;

(d) what is the amount required to develop these rivers;

(e) what would be source of funding for development of projects required to be constructed along the banks of rivers; and

(f) the names of private companies with whom negotiations are being worked out, if any, for the development of rivers?

#### **Development of National Waterways in Tamil Nadu**

1418. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to develop National Waterways 99 in Tamiraparani river in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any sustainable feasibility study before

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declaring it as National Waterways 99; and

(d) if so, the details and salient features of the study?

#### **Construction of satellite port in South Goa**

1419. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mormugao Port Trust proposes to construct a satellite port of Betul in South Goa;

(b) whether any social impact study has been made with respect to the proposed project;

(c) whether the statutory clearances required for the purpose have been obtained;

(d) the quantum of land required for the purpose;

(e) whether land is acquired for the purpose and/or any proposal made to the State Government for the purpose;

(f) the total cost of the project; and

(g) the details of mode of financing the project?

#### **Development of ports**

1420. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount Government proposes to invest for modernization and upgradation of ports, islands and fish harbours in the country;

(b) the number of major ports proposed

to be developed during the next three years and the new sites identified by Government to be converted into ports; and

(c) whether Government also proposes to set up coastal/special economic zones in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof along with the number of coastal/special economic zones likely to be set up?

#### **Project awarded by Ministry of Defence**

1421. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence has awarded ₹ 50,000 crore projects to this Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of other projects proposed to be awarded by that Ministry;

(c) whether private sector is also involved in such projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of MoUs, if any, entered into between the Ministry of Defence and this Ministry?

#### **Coastal Economic Zone**

†1422. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to build any major Coastal Economic Zone so that exports can be increased in some areas particularly in the fields of electronics and textiles and our presence could be registered in the leading global markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether this scheme would encourage the 'Make in India Programme' and aid in employment generation and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Riverine ports on Mahanadi**

1423. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Odisha Government has submitted any proposal for riverine ports on the river Mahanadi in Jagatsinghpur district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has any plan to include these riverine ports under the National Perspective Plan during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of Cooum river in Chennai**

1424. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any plans for restoration and river front development of Cooum river in Chennai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Allocation of funds for water projects**

1425. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing/pending water projects in the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the sanctioned/allocated funds have been released to State Governments for various water projects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received proposals for various water projects/programmes from various State Governments particularly from Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the decisions taken in this regard?

#### **Water management agreements**

1426. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any agreement with Hungary to enhance cooperation in tackling water management issues;

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement;

(c) in what ways this agreement would benefit India;

(d) whether Government has signed/proposes to sign similar agreements with other countries, as well; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Situation of water reservoirs in Jharkhand and Gujarat**

1427. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the situation in which various water reservoirs in the country particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat need dredging, cleaning, beautification and are suffering for a long time for proper infrastructure;



(b) if so, the names of such reservoirs, location-wise;

(c) whether Government has any plans to support such reservoirs across India and has taken any steps to overcome the existing problems and enhance the infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Merging of CWC and CGWB**

1428. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah which has recommended merging of the Central Water Commission (CWC) and the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) to make the National Water Commission (NWC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind such a recommendation;

(c) whether the proposed NWC is going to work under the Ministry or is going to work as independently as an autonomous body;

(d) whether the consultations on formation of NWC have been held with States; and

(e) if so, the outcome of such consultations?

#### **Cleaning of rivers**

†1429. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no step has been taken so far with regard to cleaning of Ganga, Yamuna and other important rivers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the present status thereof; and

(d) by when the rivers would be made pollution free?

#### **Ground water crisis**

1430. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States that rely heavily on agriculture, especially Punjab, are facing acute ground water crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the long term effects on agriculture production due to shrinking ground water levels in Punjab; and

(d) if so, what are the steps proposed to ensure that there is optimum usage of water without affecting crop production?

#### **River inter-linking under Peninsular Component**

1431. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rivers identified for inter-linking under Peninsular Component;

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- (b) the details of progress made, so far;
- (c) the details of funds earmarked for this purpose;
- (d) the details of funds released, so far; and
- (e) the tentative time by which inter-linking of peninsular rivers would be completed?

**World Bank assistance for cleaning of Ganga**

1432. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:  
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) whether the Prime Minister in his meeting with the World Bank President recently suggested that the cleaning of Ganga would be a very inspiring project for the World Bank to take up;

(b) if so, whether, under the earlier approval of \$ 1 billion for the Mission to clean Ganga by the World Bank in 2011, some amount had already been disbursed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for a fresh request for the same purpose?

**Contaminated ground water in Jharkhand**

1433. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is serious contamination of ground water in most districts of Jharkhand;

(b) the details of steps taken by the Central Government to monitor ground water pollutants there, district-wise; and

(c) what are the plans, in terms of timelines, to solve the serious problem of ground water contamination?

**Constitutional validity of Punjab Termination of Agreements Act**

†1434. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a reference has been filed in the Supreme Court regarding the constitutional validity of the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004 regarding the water of Ravi and Beas rivers;

(b) if so, whether this case is enlisted for hearing by the Court; and

(c) if not, whether Government proposes to request the Court to take quick decision on the reference and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Re-lining of Rajasthan feeder**

†1435. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has given an approval for investment towards re-lining of Rajasthan Feeder (Punjab Region) and it would be implemented by the Punjab Government;

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(b) if so, whether Government has released the amount sought by the Punjab Government to start the work and whether the work had been initiated by the Punjab Government; and

(c) if not, whether Government has issued any guidelines to the Punjab Government to start the work and if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Flood management programme under AIBP in Uttar Pradesh**

1436. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether 29 projects of flood management programme under AIBP in Uttar Pradesh were approved by the Central Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether, in addition to this, 18 such projects were also approved for Nawalparasi district of Nepal by the Central Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of amount of central assistance that is yet to be released by the Central Government for these projects, project-wise; and

(d) the time by which the Central assistance would be released?

**Clearance for Ken Betwa Link Project**

1437. SHRI D. RAJA:  
DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT

AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given clearance for Ken Betwa Link Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the other river linking projects under the consideration of Government and what is the reaction of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on these projects; and

(d) whether Government is proposing to interlink other small rivers of this region?

**Removal of silt from reservoirs**

†1438. 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 most of the dams are facing the problem of silt and it is affecting the capacity of reservoirs;

(b) if so, whether Government would taken steps to remove silt from reservoirs and if so, whether any policy in this regard has been formulated; and

(c) if not, by when the action would be taken in this regard?

**Schemes for cleaning Ganga**

†1439. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated several schemes to clean the river Ganga;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the locations where work is going on under cleanliness scheme of Ganga during the last two years; and

(d) the complete details of places on the bank of the river at Patna where cleanliness work is going on?

**Pending irrigation projects under AIBP**

1440. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:  
Will the Minister of WATER

RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all pending/delayed irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) the actions taken by the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana (PMKSY) towards completion of 89 irrigation projects that were delayed under AIBP; and

(c) how the completion of these projects would affect the creation and utilization of irrigation potential of the country?

NEW DELHI;  
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
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