

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, December 31, 2018/Pausha 10, 1940 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

#### Staff shortage in ordnance factories

1921. SARDAR BALWINDER  
SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of  
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that  
there is acute shortage of staff in ordnance  
factories affecting manufacturing schedules,  
research and development of new products  
and quality control;

(b) whether Government is aware that  
as of January 17 ordnance factories  
collectively have around 70,810 technical  
staff which is 41 per cent less than the 1.2  
lakh sanctioned posts and there is shortage  
of around 40 per cent in "A" grade officers;  
and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes  
to fill-up the vacant posts in the interests  
of the country?

#### Sensitive data leak at Brah Mos

1922. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the  
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that senior system  
engineer at Brah Mos Aerospace (P) Ltd.;  
in Nagpur was arrested for allegedly leaking  
sensitive data to ISI and if so, the details  
thereof; and

(b) whether any other officials have  
been arrested from Border Security Force,  
Police etc. during the last two years and if  
so, the details thereof and the status of  
such cases?

#### Indo-US 2+2 dialogue

1923. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will  
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) what are the agreements, MoU's  
signed by the Government in the recently  
held 2+2 dialogue, if any, mention the  
details;

(b) what are India's obligation and commitment to US in this dialogue, mention the details thereof;

(c) whether India have any obligation or understanding agreed to US that India gradually be a part of the ongoing sanction on Iran by US; and

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

#### **Carelessness in destroying unused arms**

1924. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that carelessness in destroying unused arms at Arms Depot at Pulgaon, Wardha District of Maharashtra has caused loss of human lives recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has initiated any enquiry into the incident and the steps Government is taking to avoid such incidents in future?

#### **Joint-military exercises by Indian Army**

1925. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Joint Military Exercises held during the past three years;

(b) benefits to Indian Army holding such Joint Military exercises;

(c) whether some of the countries refused to engage Joint Military exercises in recent years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Defence manufacturing contract to non-Governmental agencies**

1926. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has awarded any defence manufacturing contract to non-Governmental agencies in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) details about the current status of such projects, so far?

#### **Defence projects under Make in India**

1927. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no defence projects have been taken up under the Make in India framework during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such delays render India strategically vulnerable and also disadvantaged in being dependent on large military hardware imports and if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any Defence Production Policy to herald a new era in providing domestically manufactured Military Hardware for the Indian Armed Force; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

#### **Recruitment drive for serving armed officers in DRDO**

1928. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence

Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has invited applications from serving officers of the three services already working with it, for permanent absorption as civilian officials into its Defence Research and Development Cadre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that once absorbed, the officers will be treated as civilian scientists for pay and promotion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Indo-US joint air exercise**

1929. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Forces of India and US conducted 112 days military exercise in India with an aim to enhance operational coordination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, it is also a fact that the exercise was held at two air force bases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pension of sailors**

1930. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court *vide* judgement dated 27.10.2016 had directed to consider and grant Special Pension to all sailors prior to 03.07.1976 who had not exercised option of discharge and yet could not be/were not drafted to Fleet Reserve;

(b) the number of sailors affected by the same and have they all been notified of the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that the same is not being implemented in letter and spirit across the board as it has come to light that many justified claims are being rejected; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Effect of LEMOA, BECA, COMCASA agreements on access to military spaces**

1931. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Logistic Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) will further allow to access military spaces; and

(b) if so, the details of affect on military structure and future security challenges?

#### **Defence expenditure as percentage of total expenditure**

1932. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that defence expenditure as a percentage of total Central Government expenditure has declined from 2014-15 to 2017-18;

(b) whether Government plans to allocate greater financial resources for defence preparedness; and

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

**Grant of disability pension**

†1933. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided not to grant disability pension to officers of Armed Forces who have opted for Voluntary retirement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when this pension would be granted to them?

**Allowance to armed forces**

† 1934. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that soldiers, Non Commissioned officers and Junior Commissioned officers who are deployed at frontline on Line of Control and deal with adverse weather conditions and enemies, are paid less allowances as compared to senior officers and nurses on different rates and are getting Military Service Pay despite Sixth Pay Commission clearly stating that Jawans as well as officers face similar difficulties in field area;

(b) whether Seventh Pay Commission had recommended to pay the allowances with more difference; and

(c) the engine-wise capacity and interval in years allowed as regards vehicle purchase for officers and Jawans?

**Status of INS Virat**

1935. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has put forth a proposal before the Ministry to hand it over INS Virat with an estimated cost of ₹ 850 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that INS Virat has first been given to Andhra Pradesh so as to put it at Visakhapatnam; and

(d) if so, whether INS Virat is now proposed to be given to Maharashtra?

**Adherence to ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan**

1936. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan decided at a Brigade Commander level flag meeting to adhere to the 2003 ceasefire understanding between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this understanding was arrived at after a spurt in cross border firing duels over the last several months;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Pakistan army assured that it will institute measures to maintain peace and tranquility along LoC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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**Construction of portable bridges to  
improve road network in  
Gadchiroli**

1937. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal received from the Maharashtra Government is pending with Government for entering into a tripartite MoU between Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Ship Builders Ltd. for construction of portable bridges in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra to improve connectivity between 250 villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) time Government is likely to take to finalise the MoU?

**Progress in production of Tejas**

1938. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the countrys first indigenous combat fighter aircraft Tejas which was first approved in 1983 is not yet combat ready;

(b) if so, the reason that this indigenous fighter aircraft had been missing its target for getting the FOC (Final Operational Clearance) for the last couple of years; and

(c) number of aircrafts of this type that are in the making and by when they are to be delivered for combat use?

**Functional toilets under Swachh  
Bharat Mission**

1939. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to

conduct or is currently in the process of conducting a survey of operability and usage of toilets built under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

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

(c) whether all toilets constructed under SBM are in working condition with functional water connection and proper drainage, and if not, the details and reasons therefor;

(d) the fall back rate of ODF declared villages to non-ODF and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of functional toilets with water connection constructed for people with disabilities, State-wise?

**Pollutants in drinking water**

1940. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water in several districts in the country is affected by pollutants such as Arsenic, Fluoride, Iron, Nitrates etc.;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise, district-wise and pollution-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to solve this problem including the special steps taken in badly affected districts in the country;

(d) the current status of laboratories in various districts to evaluate the quality of drinking water and whether they are able to fulfil their targets; and

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

### Increased budget for schemes

1941. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2015-16 the Ministry enhanced its budget by 178 per cent, leading to an increased allocation of ₹ 22,357 crore in the present budget; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and details of the various policies/schemes under which such additional funds were required?

### Swachh Survekshan Grameen in HP

1942. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey of Gram Panchayats in rural areas under Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG), 2018 recently and if so, the details thereof including the details of the norms in this regard;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to impart training to employees associated with Swachh Bharat Mission and in Gram Panchayats of Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has allocated funds under SSG, 2018 to Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Scarcity of drinking water

1943. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scarcity of drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the availability and shortfall, State and UT-wise; and

(c) details of steps taken by Government to fulfil the requirement of drinking water in the State of Maharashtra including Solapur, Aurangabad and other parts of the State where water scarcity exists?

### Provision of clean drinking water

†1944. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures adopted to keep the water flowing through rivers clean and fit for drinking purposes; and

(b) the action plan desired towards provision of clean drinking water to schools and water management for cleanliness in toilets?

### Supply of drinking water to rural areas

1945. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water supply problem exists in rural areas of the country and various schemes have failed to give desired result;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the schemes have not been properly

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implemented and have been poorly monitored in Assam and North Eastern States; and

(d) if so, details of remedial action taken to improve the situation?

**Uranium and Arsenic contamination of potable water**

1946. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in some parts of the country potable water is laced with Uranium and Arsenic, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) steps taken by Government to make available pure drinking water for the people affected in those parts of the country, the details thereof?

**Construction of toilets under SBM**

1947. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats, blocks and districts, which have become open defecation free during the last three years and the current financial year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number and names of the States which are likely to be open defecation free by the end of March, 2019; and

(d) the details of factors responsible for the said States becoming open defecation free in such a short period of time?

**Filtered water for Gram Panchayats**

1948. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in the country where safe and filtered drinking water has been provided during the last three years and the current year along with the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the status and number of such villages or Gram Panchayats in the country where safe drinking water is unavailable at present, State-wise; and

(c) if so, the details of such villages, State-wise?

**National Water Quality Sub-Mission**

1949. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) the details of the States covered under National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) which addresses the urgent need of providing clean drinking water to Arsenic and Fluoride affected habitations in the country;

(b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized during 2018-19 till 31st December, 2018 under NWQSM, State-wise; and

(c) the details of districts of Uttar Pradesh covered under NWQSM as on date, district-wise?

### **Districts declared as ODF**

1950. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) the details of the districts declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) till date, State-wise;

(b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized under Swachh Bharat Mission during current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of criteria for declaring district as ODF; and

(d) the details of districts which have been declared ODF only on paper, while in reality these are not ODF, State-wise?

### **Improvement of hygiene sanitation and waste management**

1951. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to improve the quality of personal hygiene sanitation and solid as well as liquid waste management in rural areas through enhanced technical and financial support to all rural household;

(b) if so, the enhancements in technical and financial measures proposed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Monitoring and Evaluation of Swachh Bharat Mission**

1952. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the share of the fund sanctioned for Swachh Bharat Mission Programme, which was spent on monitoring and evaluation;

(b) whether monitoring and evaluation was contracted to private consultants;

(c) if so, the details of the consultants, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the amount paid to the consultants, project-wise?

### **Drinking water and sanitation scheme**

1953. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implements a number of schemes pertaining to drinking water and sanitation in the country; and

(b) the names of the schemes presently under implementation, funds approved and allocated, during the last three years, State-wise?

### **Mechanism for rainfall prediction**

1954. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current mechanism being followed to predict the rainfall;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering to take any step to devise an intelligent prediction/expectation system with modern analytic tools by using local weather information for prediction of rainfall;

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

(d) the details of the current flood warning system being used in the country; and



(e) whether Government is taking any step to improve the system, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rainfall during monsoon**

1955. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State has received less than normal rainfall during the last monsoon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details regarding normal rainfall and rainfall during this monsoon in the State of Rajasthan;

(d) details regarding accuracy of rainfall predictions made by weather department during the last monsoon; and

(e) details regarding States where variances between predicted and actual rainfall are high?

#### **Sewage disposal system for SBM toilets**

1956. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the toilets under Swach Bharat Mission (SBM) are posing serious pollution and health hazards to the people and their fields in the adjacent areas to toilets, on account of poorly designed toilets and lack of sewage disposal system; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure availability of proper solid waste management systems for the toilets built under SBM so far, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Enactment to use CAMPA fund**

†1957. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Act has been enacted to provide for depositing money for compensatory afforestation and other activities by the institutions using forest land, after diversion of its use by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the rules to be framed under this Act; and

(c) by when the said rules will be notified and made available to Madhya Pradesh?

#### **Air pollution in the country**

†1958. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to curb the problem of increasing air pollution all over the country;

(b) if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that due to negligence of Government, air pollution in the National Capital, Delhi NCR and other major cities has reached deadly levels, if so, reasons therefor?

#### **Tiger protection plan**

†1959. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special plan is being implemented by Government for the protection of tigers; and

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(b) if so, the amount being provided to the State of Madhya Pradesh under this plan?

**Measures to control air pollution level in Delhi**

1960. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the air pollution in Delhi is at alarming level;

(b) if so, details of the steps taken by Government for promoting the use of commercial and private electric vehicle in Delhi;

(c) whether Government has any roadmap for allowing only electric commercial and private vehicles in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

**Blueprint for meeting Paris Climate Change agreement**

1961. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a blueprint for fulfilling the commitments of the Paris Agreement on climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is committed to check the increase in the global temperature and reduce it by 1.5 degree Celsius;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) details of any other steps being taken to curb the emission of carbon and reduce the carbon footprint of the country?

**IPCC report on frequency and impact of severe heat waves**

1962. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a report, released in October, 2018 by the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which states that increase in average world temperature by 1.5 degree Celsius and 2 degree Celsius will lead to increased frequency of deadly heat waves in several parts of India;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in light of this report to curb temperature increase and reduce the severity of heatwaves; and

(c) if not, whether Government plans to conduct any research on the impact of heatwaves and create a comprehensive plan to reduce their severity?

**Funds to cope up with climate change**

1963. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated enough fund for the latest technology to study the climate change issue in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) development plans proposed by Government to study climate change issue?

**Study to assess impact of climate change**

1964. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of climate change on different systems including agriculture in India during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been chalked out by Government to combat ill effects of climate changes in coordination with the global agencies; and

(d) if so, the features of such action plan?

**Pollution caused by cement industries**

†1965. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution by cement industries is causing serious diseases among the rural population in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate steps have been taken/are being taken by Central and State Governments to check such pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Status of the draft National Forest Policy, 2018**

1966. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) present status of the draft National Forest Policy, 2018;

(b) details of comments by the Ministry received on the policy;

(c) whether Ministry has received concerns and objections of forest and tribal rights groups and civil society on violation of FRA and PESA; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Ministry plans to address these concerns?

**Compost centre for waste**

1967. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of compost centres for domestic and commercial waste which have been established in various parts of the country in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that such compost centres are a very effective medium of reducing waste materials and if so, whether Government has taken any steps to increase their numbers in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Untreated sewage flowing into the rivers**

1968. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding the untreated sewage flowing into the rivers and seas every year;

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

(c) whether Government has taken or is considering to take any concrete steps to address the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of sewage water treatment facilities in Jharkhand and Gujarat?

**Recognition of Forest Rights in Tiger Reserves**

1969. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the order issued by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) dated 28th March, 2017 directing authorities to cease recognition of Forest Rights in Tiger Reserves;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of the compliance of this order with compliance date;

(c) whether Ministry has undertaken a State-wise assessment of FRA claims to be affected because of this order;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government has made plans to compensate forest dwellers who are unable to exercise their entitlements under

FRA because of this order, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Beach pollution**

1970. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent study by the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), India has to cope up with a new category of pollution, beach pollution in addition to the already vexed problems of water and air pollution;

(b) whether the study by the NCCR established that plastics left by tourists on beaches along the nation's coast alone accounted for 40 per cent of the all the litter, while at Gopalpur in Odisha, it was as high as 96 per cent; and

(c) whether fishing nets and litter from processing of fish on beach, also produced a lot of litter on beaches like Fort Kochi, Kerala and Karwar in Karnataka coasts?

**Climate Change Conclave at Poland**

1971. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Climate Change Conclave at Katowice (Poland), for evolving mechanisms to implement the landmark 2015 Paris Agreement, India has called for funds from developed nations to enhance the scope, scale and speed of funds they are mandated to provide to developing nations to fight the climate change issues;

(b) whether developed countries are mandated to mobilise atleast \$ 100 billion

every year from 2020 to help the developing world deal with the impacts of climate change; and

(c) whether India's discussion paper published in 2015 on climate change had contested the claims of developed countries to raise \$ 100 billion a year by 2020, and whether there is a scope for a consensus on this issue at Katowice (Poland) conclave?

#### **Rehabilitation of contaminated sites**

1972. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether hazardous waste is still lying at the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether under the prevalent law it is the responsibility of the polluter to restore contaminated sites like the Union Carbide factory;

(c) if so, details regarding the action that the polluter is bound to take under the prevalent laws and whether there is a retrospective liability on polluters;

(d) if not, the details of mechanism in place for the restoration of these contaminated sites; and

(e) whether Government plans to formulate the 'National Program for Rehabilitation of Polluted Sites'?

#### **NGT directions on cleaning river**

1973. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Green Tribunal has directed all States and

Union Territories to prepare action plans within two months to clean the polluted stretches of rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the action plans should aim at improving the polluted stretches for at least bathing purposes; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that further action is needed to restore the minimum prescribed standards for all the rivers of the country?

#### **Implementation of NCAP**

†1974. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to tackle the problem of increasing air pollution during winter season;

(b) if so, the target and objectives of the programme along with its main features;

(c) whether Government plans to implement NCAP in other parts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has made any efforts to increase the usage of technology in enhancing plantation and forest areas in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Exemption of residential projects from environmental clearances**

1975. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to exempt residential projects up to 1.5 lakh sq.m. built-up area from prior

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requirement of environmental clearance to quicken building construction in urban areas;

(b) whether the above exemption is also applicable to educational institutions in the vicinity of residential projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **NTCA direction to reinforce rules in Tiger buffer zones**

1976. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has directed all Chief Wildlife Wardens in tiger-ranging States to reinforce rules in wildlife animals corridor and in Tiger buffer zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Chief Wildlife Wardens in the country have evaluated and assessed various aspects of sustainable ecology before clearing the projects in Tiger buffer zones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Changes in forest cover**

1977. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of the changes in forest cover and dense forest cover over the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the manner in which Ministry surveys changes in the forest cover;

(c) whether Government categorises forest cover in terms of natural forests, artificial plantation, weeds and longstanding commercial crops;

(d) if so, the category-wise changes over the last three years, State-wise, and if not, reasons therefor; and

(e) whether India is on track to meet Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) under the Paris Agreement regarding forest cover, and if so, the progress of related schemes and method by which carbon sequestration of forests is being measured?

#### **III effects of air pollution**

†1978. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution is causing many diseases and untimely deaths;

(b) the names of diseases caused by air pollution;

(c) whether it is also a fact that targeted success is not being achieved to check air pollution as a result air quality is worsening day-by-day; and

(d) total amount spent during the last three years and measures taken to check air pollution?

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#### **Forest fires in the country**

1979. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that just 20 districts collectively accounted for over 40 per cent of all forest fires between 2003 and 2016 in India in the North-east;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the top 20 districts mainly in Central India accounted for about 48 per cent of the total fire affected area in the country during the above period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that forest fires occur in around half of the country's total districts and in nearly all States every year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal construction in lake areas**

1980. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal constructions have been made in the State of Rajasthan without having any permission of Municipal Council or the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) action taken by Government against the illegal construction in lake areas of Rajasthan;

(d) whether Government has taken any survey of all lakes in the country, particularly in Rajasthan having illegal construction in lake areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?

#### **Cities selected for air quality management under NCAP**

1981. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gaya, Patna, Muzzaffarpur and Srinagar have not been included in the list of non-attainment cities for the Air Quality Management Plan under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) despite being classified in the top fifteen air polluted cities in the world by WHO;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is taking any other special measures to tackle air pollution in these cities?

#### **Illegal trade in wildlife articles**

1982. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the illegal trade of wildlife articles has increased over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such cases that have come to the notice of Government during the last three-years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check the said illegal trade?

#### **Death of animals due to uncovered wells**

1983. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of the animal deaths in forest

and nearby areas due to uncovered well in the different parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any steps are being taken by Government to tackle this problem which endangers the life of wild animals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Compliance of environmental standards by industries**

†1984. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental standards have been prescribed by the Central Government for industries and whether any regular monitoring is being done to ensure compliance thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding non-compliance of environmental standards by cement factories and the action by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Conflict between NTCA order and FRA entitlements**

1985. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) status of order issued by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) dated 28th March, 2017, directing authorities to cease recognition of forest rights in tiger reserves;

(b) details where this order has been followed and since when, State-wise;

(c) whether Ministry has undertaken State-wise assessment of Forest Rights Act (FRA) claims affected because of this order, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) manner in which Ministry will compensate the forest dwellers who will not be able to exercise their entitlements under FRA; and

(e) whether provision for compensation has been made, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Protection of ecology of Western Ghats**

1986. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to protect the ecology of Western Ghats;

(b) details of changes occurring in ecology in the last three years and the suggestions made by ecology Expert Committee therein; and

(c) proposal of Government to coordinate with the States to save Western Ghats from any further degradation and preserve therefor?

#### **Manpower audit of Prasar Bharati**

1987. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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has started a manpower audit to trim Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the comprehensive manpower audit of Doordarshan and All India Radio is being conducted, in line with the recommendations of an expert Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Installation of transmission towers**

1988. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transmission towers available with the All India Radio (AIR) in the country;

(b) whether these towers are also used/rented out to relay programmes of private radio channels to get additional revenue and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AIR has received any proposal from the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for using their transmission towers for mobile network;

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

(e) the steps taken by Government for the use of some of the transmission towers by both AIR and BSNL so as to reduce the expenditure on installation of these towers?

#### **Expenditure on advertisement**

1989. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the expenditure on the advertisements of all schemes launched by Government through all modes

of publicity since 2014 till date, mode-wise, year-wise and month-wise;

(b) whether the budgets allocated to various schemes of Government, included the publicity expenditure, if so, budget allocation to each scheme along with expenditure, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has created initial fund for each scheme, if so, scheme-wise details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) total expenditure of Government on publicity since May 26, 2014 till date?

#### **Government publications through print media**

1990. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of publications by Government through print media during the last three years;

(b) the names of the publications and the cost of each of them; and

(c) the total number of advertisements by Government in print media, and the total cost incurred during the said period?

#### **News on digital platforms**

1991. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to regulate online news on digital platforms and new portals;

(b) whether this will bring more FDI in this sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Committee has been constituted for this purpose;

(d) if so, terms of reference given to the Committee and by when it is likely to submit its report; and

(e) whether the Ministry is trying to bring under its purview Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter, which are presently under domain of the Ministry of Communications?

#### **Blue print for Prasar Bharati**

1992. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati is focusing on preparation of a blue print for the future in terms of technology, the model of operation as well as a revenue generating business model;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to make Prasar Bharati better equipped to tackle growing competition;

(c) whether the Government proposes a major change and intends to rationalise role of Prasar Bharati; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Web news policy**

1993. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working to introduce a legislation to codify web media and news portals;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is going to introduce legislation for mandatory registration of web news portals; and

(d) the stand of Government to regulate the web news media?

#### **Sexual harassment complaint of AIR employees**

1994. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has looked into the sexual harassment complaint made by the casual employees of All India Radio;

(b) whether the Ministry submitted its action report to the National Commission for Women within fifteen days from the day of notice as demanded by the Commission;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry will share its report;

(d) details of internal mechanisms the Ministry has adopted or plans to adopt to reduce the instances of sexual harassment; and

(e) steps the Ministry has taken against the alleged sexual predators?

#### **Issuance of notices to companies**

1995. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued notices to some companies running TV channels to provide information on their ownership and management control;

(b) if so, the details of the TV channels which have not responded to the notices; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

**Many commercial programmes shown by channels**

†1996. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the channels are showing more commercials than programmes of news and serials;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the consumers pay for the channels to watch news and serials;

(c) if so, whether Government will issue any guidelines to those channels to show commercials as per Government rules; and

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

**Sexual harassment faced by women employees**

1997. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that office bearers of Casual Announcers and Composers Union, have submitted a representation, alleging that its members were sexually harassed, while working at different radio stations in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Commission for women has also raised the issue of arbitrary removal of women employees who complained about facing sexual harassment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof particularly with reference to the status of inquiry in this regard?

**Illegal sand mining**

1998. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of widespread illegal activities of sand mining in the country which have led to death of many law enforcement officials and other Government officials;

(b) if so, details of all deaths of law enforcement officials and other Government officials since 2014, year-wise; and

(c) details of measures that Government has taken to deal with the above issues?

**Sanctioning new mines**

†1999. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state the details of number of new mines of iron-ores and other minerals sanctioned for Government and private sectors during last three years, the State-wise and the estimated number of direct and indirect employment likely to be created when these mines get operational?

**Mining sector in India**

2000. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of logistical inefficiencies in transportation of coal from its place of origin to destination;

(b) if so, Government's proposal to check the inefficiencies to prevent loss of valuable natural resources;

(c) whether Government is looking for alternatives of Railways, as it undertakes the majority of transportation activities; and

(d) if not, measures which Government has envisaged to fine-tune the operations of Railways?

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**Monitoring the release and  
expenditure of Finance  
Commission grants**

2001. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government monitors the release and expenditure of grants of Finance Commission to ensure that there is no delay in their release;

(b) if so, the details of delays, in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether Government ensures that grants are utilised in a proper and effective manner, if so, the details thereof?

**Sustainable development goals for  
States**

2002. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) has got a good response from the States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether States and UTs have prepared their Annual Plans including sustainable development goals for their States/UTs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with details of States which are effectively implementing the scheme?

**Manpower in Panchayats**

2003. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manpower is unavailable in Gram Panchayats in the country, especially in Punjab;

(b) whether willingness to make the Gram Panchayat, a real governance body, is missing at the highest levels; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Government directives to Gram  
Panchayats**

†2004. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 6400 Gram Panchayats in the State of Chhattisgarh have not been computerised, so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any directions have been issued by the Government to the State Government for computerisation of these Gram Panchayats at the earliest, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed for computerisation of these Panchayats, if so, the details thereof?

**Target of 300 NHs**

2005. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed a target of constructing 300 National Highways across the country by 2019;

(b) if so, details of National Highways, State-wise;

(c) whether any delay has been reported in completing these projects across the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, details of the projects which are held up/delayed and reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has held any discussion with various agencies including contractors of the projects to complete the

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delayed projects without any further delay to avoid cost escalation; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

#### **Scrapping of old vehicles**

2006. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether orders for deregistration of ten years old diesel and fifteen years old petrol vehicles in the Delhi NCR have been carried out, for causing air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has finalised the policy and action for dealing with scrapping of old vehicles which are deregistered;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when the plan for scrapping banned vehicles will be implemented?

#### **Noise free road transport**

2007. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes noise free road transport in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the passenger buses/vehicles and commercial carriers are not maintaining the norms of horn sound levels as per central motor vehicle rules;

(c) whether Government has received any report on rising cases of hearing loss and damage to eardrums due to loud horn; and

(d) if so, the details of proposal by Government to control multitone loud and pressure horns for comfort of commuters?

#### **Construction of overbridges in Gujarat**

†2008. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) names of the overbridges pending for approval of Central Government for construction of National Highways in Gujarat at present;

(b) names of the places for which approval is pending along with the cause of pendency;

(c) the efforts made by Government for speedy disposal of the pending cases;

(d) place-wise details of the under construction overbridges in Gujarat; and

(e) by when the construction of under construction bridges would be completed and details thereof, place-wise?

#### **Pending Highway Projects**

2009. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highway projects currently underway which are delayed beyond the initially projected completion date;

(b) the details of such delayed projects, with new estimated completion dates; and

(c) the details of actual cost as against the projected cost of highway construction projects that were completed in the past three years?

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#### **Four laning of NH-66**

2010. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken to start the construction work of four laning of National Highway-66 from Kasargod to Thiruvananthapuram; and

(b) the reasons for delay in starting construction of the said National Highway?

#### **Maduravoyal-Port Elevated Expressway**

2011. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any report from NHAI on the Maduravoyal-Port Elevated Expressway in Chennai; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government to revive the project and the timeline for its completion?

#### **Inadequate infrastructure for new High Security Registration plates**

2012. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is inadequate infrastructure for installation of new High Security Registration Plates for motor vehicles in the NCT of Delhi resulting in delay, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) details of steps taken by Government to revamp the infrastructure so that vehicle owners irrespective of date of registration of vehicle get some relief from mental agony?

#### **Implementation of the Good Samaritan Law**

2013. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any nodal officer has been designated to receive complaints in case the Good Samaritan Law guidelines are not followed;

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

(c) the mechanism followed by Ministry to monitor the compliance of Good Samaritan guidelines;

(d) whether Ministry has put in place a grievance redressal mechanism for violation of Good Samaritan guidelines, if so, details thereof; and

(e) details of all such cases where action has been initiated for violation of Good Samaritan guidelines, State-wise?

#### **Conversion of State Roads into NH**

2014. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted a Committee of Secretaries to identify roads to be designated as National Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the administrative approval for designating any State road into National Highway would be based on the recommendations of the said Committee?

### **Blind spots on NH**

2015. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many blind spots and accident prone dark spots are being identified along the National Highways in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the NHAI to rectify them;

(c) whether the NHAI and other central agencies have taken any steps to make the National Highways safe and accident-free;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds spent during the last three years in this regard;

(e) whether Government is providing fund to State Government or any NGO in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### **Norms for getting the National Highway tag**

2016. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the norms for any road to get the National Highway tag includes flow of at least 5,000 vehicles daily and its direct connectivity to an existing National Highway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that multiple rounds of inter-Ministerial consultations have been held since September, 2018 to finalise the new norms for assigning National Highway tag; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Grants for construction of roads in Maharashtra**

2017. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide special grants to State of Maharashtra for construction of cemented roads in Mumbai and other cities of the State in order to improve the roads; and

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

### **Ring road in Aurangabad**

2018. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide ring roads in major cities of Maharashtra, particularly in Aurangabad; and

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

### **Accidents on Yamuna Expressway**

†2019. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents that take place on Delhi-Agra Yamuna Expressway in the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons injured and killed in these road accidents?

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### **Construction of highways in Odisha**

2020. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government for constructing highways per day during this financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is likely to miss the said targets;

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

(d) the total length of highways targeted and constructed in the State of Odisha during the above period; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to achieve the targets during the remaining period of the year?

### **Improvement in road connectivity**

†2021. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has asked State Governments for improving road connectivity to ensure industrial development;

(b) if so, the reactions of State Governments thereon, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has extended financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh towards improvement in road connectivity, during last three years and current year; and

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

### **Sale of quadricycles**

2022. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the sale of quadricycles for personal use;

(b) whether such quadricycles will be allowed for transporting cargo or luggage;

(c) whether quadricycles have to meet the basic safety norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Road accidents in Kerala**

2023. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in the State of Kerala on National Highways passing through the State, during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to check road accidents on National Highways in the State?

### **Deaths due to potholes**

2024. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the number of deaths in road accidents due to potholes in the country, in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of level of maintenance of roads in the country;

(c) whether compensation was paid to the nearest kith of the victims, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any monitoring Committee was formed to keep a vigil and to take maintenance work for filling the potholes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

highway at an early date, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disposal of old vehicles**

†2025. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) the policy of the Ministry regarding disposal of old vehicles and the step taken so far to dispose of the vehicles older than ten and fifteen years;

(b) whether the vehicle owners are being provided certificates, after acquiring their vehicles for disposal of vehicles older than ten and fifteen years; and

(c) if so, the rate at which two-wheelers and other vehicles are being withdrawn and the manner in which such vehicles are being taken off the roads whose registrations have been cancelled or are being cancelled?

#### **Urban Extension Road-II Project in Delhi**

†2026. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has awarded the construction work of Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II), project to National Highway Authority of India;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-completion of construction work of UER-II, Delhi so far; and

(c) whether Government is considering to complete the construction work of this

#### **Agricultural land acquired for making roads and highways**

2027. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of agricultural land acquired in the country for making roads and highways since 2014;

(b) name of State in which maximum area of agricultural land was acquired;

(c) the number of families displaced from their homes in name of development of roads and highways in this period;

(d) the total amount spent for land acquisition for agricultural land since 2014; and

(e) steps taken by Government to avoid the acquisition of agricultural land for development activities?

#### **Data on construction of highways**

2028. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the data for last 365 days on construction of highways along with per day coverage of new highway being constructed?

#### **Expansion of NH network**

2029. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last four and a half years, Government has added 38,000 km. to the National Highway

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network to expand the total length to 1.29 lakh km.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that another 54,000 km. of highways have got in-principle approval; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Long delays at toll booths in Andhra Pradesh**

2030. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has three toll collection points on highways between Vishakhapatnam and Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount of toll collected at these three booths respectively upto December 2018, toll-plaza-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are long delays at each of these booths, creating hardships for the people;

(d) the reasons for poor supervision of delays by NHAI and the extremely high tolls being charged in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) details of steps proposed to reduce tolls and delays at all booths?

#### **Monitoring and mentoring on SAGY**

2031. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a frequent monitoring mechanism to check and ensure the proper development of Adarsh Grams under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) scheme, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has any mechanism to make the Members of

Parliament aware about the 233 Government Schemes that could be used to develop villages, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has taken steps to ensure large participation of the corporate and voluntary organisations to ensure larger Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for Adarsh Grams?

#### **Release of funds for MGNREGA**

†2032. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Mahatma Gandhi National Rojgar Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) certain status have not been released funds in time causing hurdles to pay wages to labours on time;

(b) names of States to which release of funds have been delayed under the scheme;

(c) whether due to allocation of less budget under MGNREGA additional amount has to be demanded causing hurdles timely payments to labourers; and

(d) the year-wise details of additional amount under MGNREGA during the last five years?

#### **Status of SAGY in Jharkhand**

2033. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of development of the villages adopted by Members of Parliament of Jharkhand under the scheme, Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

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(b) whether difficulties are being faced in implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to address those difficulties; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by Government to complete the pending projects under the scheme?

**Release of funds under PMAY(G) to the State of Telangana**

2034. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released the funds under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) to the State of Telangana for current financial year 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds released so far;

(d) the balance of funds to be released; and

(e) the present status of the funds?

**Status of MGNREGA in Maharashtra**

2035. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by Government under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the amount of beneficiaries under MGNREGA in the State, district-wise; and

(c) the funds likely to be advanced to the State Government under MGNREGA?

**Delay in payment of MGNREGA wages**

2036. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment of MGNREGA wages have been delayed in eight States since October, if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(b) whether compensation have been provided in each case of delay, if so, State-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) reasons for illegal pegging of MGNREGA wages in 18 States, at less than the minimum wages; and

(d) whether Ministry will take steps to revise the wages upwards, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Upgradation of roads**

2037. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is undertaking to upgrade the existing roads in those districts where all the eligible habitations of the designated population size have been provided with all weather road connectivity under PMGSY;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) details of the roads in which upgradation work has been undertaken across the country and the amount spent for this during last three years?

### **Status of PMGSY**

2038. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had resolved to connect every village under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of roads which are under construction in Jharkhand and Gujarat for the last three years but their construction is yet to be completed; and

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed under PMGSY for construction of all such roads and if so, the details thereof?

### **Restoration of water bodies**

2039. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the vanishing water bodies in rural areas of the country specially in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government, in consultation with State Governments, has taken steps to restore water bodies in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken and the number of water bodies restored, so far?

### **Conversion of village roads into RCC roads**

†2040. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any provision to convert chuckroad, linked with roads in villages into RCC roads;

(b) if so, the number of villages located in Azamgarh district linked with such roads are to be converted into RCC roads;

(c) the number of locations at which the roads connected with village Kulesh located in Azamgarh district has been converted into RCC roads; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be done?

### **Lower pension in NSAP**

2041. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of eligible persons for pensions in National Social Assistance Programme and the scheme's current outreach, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has recognised the low remuneration rates in National Pensions, which have been only ₹ 200 for ten years now and if so, are there any plans to increase the pensions, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the process of Aadhaar seeding in NSAP has excluded many eligible households, as found in many researches and news articles;

(d) if so, the plan of Government to get them re-included into the list of eligible beneficiaries; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Payment of wages in MGNREGS**

2042. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the prevailing system of payment of wages under the Mahatma Gandhi

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National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) whether wages are paid at a uniform rate in all the States; and

(c) if not, the details of the prevailing wage rate under MGNREGS, State/UT-wise?

#### **Funds for MGNREGA**

2043. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MGNREGA funds sanctioned/released to the State Governments during the last three years, State/year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that inadequate funds were released by the Union Government to the State Government in these years;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds pending to be released to the State Governments, State/year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to clear all the dues to the States?

#### **Status of PMAY**

†2044. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families which benefited under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana till 2018;

(b) the policy of Government to provide benefits under the scheme to those poor families whose names were left out in the list of socio-economic survey of year 2011 for certain reasons;

(c) whether a re-survey would be conducted and those families would be given benefits under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana; and

(d) by when the families living in kutcha houses would be provided pucca houses in rural areas under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana?

#### **Status of MGNREGA**

2045. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India has given strong emphasis on implementation of MGNREGA in the different States, if so, the number of mandays created during last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the amount of money spent during last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

#### **Technology Enabling Centre in Tezpur University**

2046. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had chosen Tezpur University of Assam as one of the model centres in the North Eastern Region for establishing Technology Enabling Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with infrastructural and financial support; and

(c) the details of funding of TEC which will benefit the North Eastern States?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Dual time zone in the country**

2047. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan of considering dual time zone in the country, in view of time gap between Eastern and Western States of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Utility of research institutions for rural areas**

†2048. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the research and development institutions and the scientific community funded by Government are capable to meet the requirements of rural regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the utility of research and development institutions and the scientific community for welfare of rural regions in the country?

### **DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2018**

2049. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether consultations were carried out during drafting of DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2018, if so, details of stakeholders consulted and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) reasons for introducing the Bill at this time when India is yet to enact a

personal data protection legislation and how would differences be reconciled;

(c) reasons for ignoring the concerns made by AP Shah Committee on the issue of breach of privacy by DNA profiling; and

(d) reasons for not having any legal requirement under Bill for data breaches of the proposed DNA banks to be disclosed either to Government or to the data subjects?

### **Vigyan Joyti Programme**

2050. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) details of the Vigyan Joyti Programme launched by the Ministry to inculcate scientific temperament among school girls;

(b) whether the Ministry has monitored in a structured way, the impact of this programme since its inception; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

### **GST exemption for Vallapadam Container Terminal**

2051. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the memorandum from the Kerala Government to exempt the Vallapadam Container Terminal from GST is under consideration;

(b) whether any concrete decisions were taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

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**Shareholder participation of IWAI in Kerala Waterways**

2052. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new stretches added to the National Waterways in Kerala and the status of its development including the detailed project report and estimated time of completion;

(b) whether Government has agreed to participate as a shareholder through Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in Kerala Waterways and Infrastructure Ltd. (KWIL);

(c) if so, the details thereof, including the percentage of shareholding by the IWAI;

(d) whether Kerala Government had written a letter to the Central Government regarding share of participation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of NMDP for medium ports**

2053. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) being implemented by Government for expansion/development/modernisation of medium ports;

(b) the details of such projects implemented or proposed to be implemented under public private partnership mode;

(c) the funds allocated and released for the purchase, during each of the last three years and the current year along with the requirement of funds for implementation of these projects, port-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to expedite the work of these projects and the progress made so far in this regard and implementation of the remaining projects, port-wise?

**RoRo services between Dhubri and Hatsingmari**

2054. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status of National Waterway-4;

(b) by when fairway development and floating terminals at Muktiyala and Vijayawada are going to be established;

(c) whether RoRo services on the lines, started between Dhubri and Hatsingmari are going to be introduced in NW-4; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Establishment of Dugarajapatnam Port**

2055. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any progress in the establishment of Dugarajapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the work could not commence, though A.P. Reorganisation Act, mandates that the first phase of the Port shall be completed by 2018; and

(c) whether State has brought any alternative proposals before Government instead of construction of Dugarajapatnam Port and if so, the details thereof?

**Development of new major port at  
Dugarajapatnam**

2056. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA  
RAVINDRA KUMAR:  
SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the  
provision of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014,  
Government is going to develop a new major  
port at Dugarajapatnam with a target to  
complete phase I by end of 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering  
or has taken a final decision to fulfil the  
mandatory assurance given in the act for  
the said port;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cleaning of Ganga river by NGRBA**

2057. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:  
Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be  
pleased to state:

(a) the details of break-up of total  
expenditure by National Ganga River Basin  
Authority (NGRBA), from 2014-2018;

(b) the projects sanctioned under  
'Namami Gange Programme', number of  
projects which have been completed and  
are operational;

(c) the tangible improvements, if any,  
due to the efforts made and the details  
thereof;

(d) whether amount of Bio-chemical  
Oxygen Demand in the Ganga river,  
changed over the time from 2014-18;

(e) whether the amount of Dissolved  
Oxygen has also changed;

(f) whether Government has completed  
its long-term action plan to clean and  
maintain the Ganga river; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**Fluoride contamination in the  
country**

†2058. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will  
the Minister of WATER RESOURCE,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA  
REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) number of blocks having fluoride  
contamination in water in the country,  
State-wise details thereof;

(b) action plans being run by Central  
Government to solve the problem of  
fluoride contamination in water; and

(c) efforts made by Central Government  
in these blocks to maintain the quality of  
water?

**Kanhar Barrage scheme on  
Son river**

†2059. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN  
SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCE, RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
AND GANGA REJUVENATION be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kanhar  
Barrage scheme was constructed on the Son  
river which flows along the borders of Bihar  
and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the present position of the  
scheme; and

(c) whether Government has any action  
plan to take major steps towards a  
permanent solution in this direction, if so,  
by when?

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**Allocation of fund to Polavaram project**

2060. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Polavaram project is running behind schedule, due to non-release of funds by Government in a time-bound manner;

(b) if so, the details of the amount released so far by Government against the demand of Andhra Pradesh Government;

(c) whether Government will come forward to make a one time hefty allocation of fund to Polavaram project, so that cost escalation of the project can be avoided;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rejuvenation of Yamuna river**

2061. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that river Yamuna was the city's life line and an important transport channel through North India, but is now missing from Delhi's life and mind due to population;

(b) if so, amount spent for rejuvenation of river Yamuna;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government will seek the help of team of architects of the University of Virginia School of Architecture for its rejuvenation;

(d) if so, cost involved therein, despite spending hundreds of crores for rejuvenation so far in existing schemes; and

(e) if so, will it be a time-bound process?

**Inclusion of water in concurrent list**

†2062. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a plan for commencing a drive to include the subject of water in the concurrent list of Constitution of India;

(b) whether the need to include the subject of water in the concurrent list has been felt due to the fact that the power to make law on this subject has been given to Centre *vide* 56th list of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Transfer of water from Himalayan rivers to Mahanadi river**

2063. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal of interlinking of Himalayan rivers Development Component under National Prospective Plan with the Peninsular River Development Component;

(b) whether Government has so far, shared any Feasibility Report of inter-linking project to transfer water from Himalayan rivers to Mahanadi river; and

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(c) quantity of water Government has planned to transfer from Himalayan rivers to Mahanadi river?

**Procedures for clearance of inter-State river projects by TAC**

2064. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Ministry has cleared the Polavaram Multipurpose Project;

(b) whether the co-basin State Odisha has been consulted during this clearance process or not; and

(c) the details of extant standard procedures for clearance of inter-State projects by TAC of the Ministry?

**Adequate quantity of water to farmers**

†2065. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any special action plan for proper utilisation of the water available in the country and to make adequate quantity of water available to farmers for their crops; and

(b) if so, financial allotment made under the head during the last three years and the area for which the water is being available through canals?

**Development of ground water**

†2066. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various international institutions including World Bank and the 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission have expressed their concerns regarding sustainable development of ground water and have given suggestions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Sharing of Krishna river water between A.P. and Telangana**

2067. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telangana Government has sent any proposal for revising the guidelines for sharing of Krishna river water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has studied the proposal; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to resolve the issues highlighted on sharing of Krishna river water between the States of A.P. and Telangana?

**Polavaram Irrigation Project**

2068. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has declared Polavaram Irrigation Project as a National Project;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received the revised DPR of the project and is also considering to reimburse the expenditure incurred forthwith to the Andhra Pradesh Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Problem of water scarcity in country**

2069. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) by the NITI Aayog has indicated that nearly 600 million people face high to extreme water stress in the country and also predicted that a persistent water crisis will lead to an eventual six per cent loss in the country's Gross Domestic Product by 2030;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to mandate all power producers to report its water consumption on a daily-basis, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) details of steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle water crisis in the country on a priority?

#### **Adoption of the Model Flood Plain Zoning Act, 1975 by States**

2070. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any other States have

adopted the Flood Plain Zoning Act in the wake of the Kerala Floods;

(b) the names of all the States that have adopted the Model Flood Plain Zoning Act, proposed in the year 1975;

(c) whether the State Governments have expressed any apprehensions over adopting the Act, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures that have been taken by Government to persuade the State Governments to adopt the Flood Plain Zoning Act?

#### **Threat due to National river linking projects**

2071. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the impact of National river linking projects the inflow of North Eastern rivers will reduce, which will reduce sediments deposited and also reduce the fertile delta and will thereby threaten land and livelihoods of local economies that support 160 million people;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has plan to control such problem?

#### **Amount spent for cleaning of river Ganga**

†2072. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) amount spent by Government from

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April, 2014 till 31st March, 2018 under Clean Ganga Mission; and

(b) percentage of Ganga cleaned by utilisation of the said amount during the said period along with the status thereof?

#### **Sports proposals from Government of Andhra Pradesh**

2073. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent eighteen sports proposals to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and when the proposals were sent and their financial implications, etc.; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has approved only four proposals so far, if so, the status of other fourteen proposals, proposal-wise and by when they are going to be approved?

#### **Constitution of Sports Scientists Community**

2074. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted any committee(s) consisting of Sports Scientists to recommend steps to be taken regarding sports infrastructure and players in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee constituted by Government has submitted any report with specific reference to Tokyo Olympics;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Target Olympic Podium Scheme**

2075. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds at disposal with the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF);

(b) the details of funds released by the NSDF for the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) till date, sport-wise;

(c) the details of the athletes currently under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, sport-wise;

(d) the criteria for choosing and dropping the athletes from the scheme; and

(e) whether Government has collaborated with private entities for this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Promotion of sports among rural youth**

2076. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy or started any programme for promotion of sports among rural youth in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and achievements made in this regard; and

(c) details of action or proposal to start any such programme to increase participation of the rural youth in sports?

**Sports infrastructure in the  
country**

2077. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken efforts to provide sports infrastructure with latest state-of-the-art technologies to develop quality sportspersons at par with international quality;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's opinion thereon;

(c) whether Government has provided financial support and infrastructure facilities through Ministry and the Sports Authority of India (SAI); and

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

**Status of National Sports  
University**

2078. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of recruitment of Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of National Sports University and by when they would join;

(b) the details of present faculties, officers and staff of the University; and

(c) the details of courses in operation in this academic year and the courses to be added from the next academic year?

**Proposals from Karnataka  
Government**

2079. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of proposals received from the Karnataka Government in the Ministry during the last three years and in the current year relating to sports infrastructure, stadia, etc.;

(b) steps taken by Ministry on each of the above proposals, proposal-wise; and

(c) reasons for pendency of the proposals, proposal-wise and by when the Ministry will clear the proposal?

**Preparation for Tokyo Olympics**

2080. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the commitment of Government to create a transparent ecosystem nurturing sporting talent right from young age among youths, with details;

(b) the preparations, training, coaching being given to youths for the forthcoming international sports events in the world, especially, Tokyo Olympics in 2020, in details;

(c) whether children from across the country were identified for sporting talent and have been given financial grant; and

(d) if so, the number of children, State-wise and the details of financial grants?

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