

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, November 18, 2019/Kartika 27, 1941 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Environment, Forest and Climate Change;
Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting;
Jal Shakti; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Mines; Minority
Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and Highways;
Shipping; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

Clean environment cess on production of coal

1. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to revise the coal royalty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is charging clean environment cess per tonne production of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the coal producing States have a share in this; and

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

Decontrolling of coal prices

2. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is contemplating to decontrol its authority on coal prices and giving a free hand to the coal companies to fix the coal prices; and

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

Eco-park in Chhindwara

†3. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foundation stone has been laid to build an eco-park under the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) mines in Chhindwara district;

(b) if so, the time and place of laying of foundation stone; and

(c) the time-line to complete the work of this park and the reasons for delay in completion of work, if any?

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Opening of new mines in Chhindwara

†4. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced the opening of six new mines in the district of Chhindwara under South Eastern Coal-fields Limited;

(b) if so, the time-line fixed for the opening of these mines; and

(c) the reasons for not opening these mines till now?

Collection and utilisation of coal cess

5. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) details of coal cess collected in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) details of money allocated, released and utilised from the funds received through coal cess during the last three years, State-wise?

Pay hike of teachers in colliery schools

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

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that colliery schools are functioning in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL), Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) and Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) areas with the grants from Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the total number of pay hikes made during the last decade in response to the demands made from time to time by the teachers working in these schools and whether the pay is equal to minimum wages;

(c) whether salary of some teachers have been held up to suppress the demand for pay hike; and

(d) if so, whether it is justified?

Annual production of coal

7. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production target and actual production of coal by Coal India Limited during the last three years;

(b) reasons for shortfall, if any, and details of steps taken to address them;

(c) whether the coal produced and supplied domestically is of adequate quality and sufficient quantity for use by power stations in the country; and

(d) if not, steps taken by the Ministry to reduce dependence on coal imports?

Purchase of coal from Singareni collieries

8. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that purchase of coal from Singareni collieries is becoming a serious burden for the power plants in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal for change of coal linkage from Singareni collieries to Mahanadi Coalfields to reduce

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the cost burden, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on this matter, if not, the reasons therefor?

Privatisation of coal sector

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

(a) whether the Ministry is going ahead with the steps to privatise the coal sector in India;

(b) whether the move to privatise will result in the loss of jobs in Coal India Limited; and

(c) if so, the estimated number of workers who will lose their jobs?

Demand and supply of coal

10. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment of demand and supply scenario in respect of coal;

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

(c) whether the demand of coal has exceeded its supply in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Sector-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(e) steps taken/ being taken by Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal in the country through the indigenous production of coal?

Inter-Ministerial Task Force

11. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has

constituted an Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) to undertake a comprehensive review of existing coal sources of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) having linkages and to consider the feasibility for rationalisation of these sources with a view to optimize transportation cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the methodology for linkage rationalisation of power producers has been accepted by Government recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Employment data on ex-servicemen

12. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gathers data on the employment of ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the details of unemployed ex-servicemen, State-wise;

(c) the number of ex-servicemen seeking employment through the Army Welfare Placement Organisation; and

(d) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

Modernisation of military equipments

†13. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the percentage of military equipments in terms of old, current and high-tech category respectively;

(b) whether the allocation made in the defence budget is sufficient to modernise military equipments;

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(c) whether 'Make in India' programme is being used to modernise military equipments; and

(d) the details of the current status of all defence projects taken up under 'Make in India' initiative during the last three years?

Proposal for Corporatisation of Ordnance Factories Board

14. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would like to convert the Ordnance Factories into a Commercial Organisation;

(b) whether Government will consider upgrading the Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) on the lines of the Railway Board, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Department of Atomic Energy instead of converting the Ordnance Factories into a Corporation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) products is lesser than the international market price, if so, on what basis the Ministry *vide* its Press Release dated 14.08.2019, 16.08.2019 and 20.08.2019 has stated that the price of Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) products are high?

Defence Export Policy

15. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's defence export would triple to ₹ 35,000 crore by 2024;

(b) if so, the details of road map thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that

Government is considering to lower bureaucratic barriers and simplify procedures to promote domestic defence manufacturing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Import of weapons by India

16. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was importing 14 per cent of total arms and ammunition globally which was more than that imported by China and Pakistan collectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in 1992, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had chalked out a plan under which the then trend of 80 per cent of import of weapons and 20 per cent of its export was to be reversed; and

(c) if so, the target achieved till date?

Appointment of Chief of Defence Staff

17. SHRI VAIKO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to appoint a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Committee was formed to ensure time-bound appointment of CDS and the role and charter of CDS;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether any study has been done to ensure that creation of CDS does not lead to imbalances and vulnerabilities in the Services;

(f) if so, details thereof; and

(g) time by which, the required military reforms will be made, before CDS is made fully operational to sync with the Chiefs of Services, and command and control structures?

Border Chronicle

18. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring 'Border Chronicle', a project on history of borders to raise awareness of the masses;

(b) whether India has a disputed border with China and Pakistan, the manner in which the historians demarcate the borders at those places;

(c) whether national security would be compromised while giving authentic writings on the borders with our neighbours; and

(d) time-frame for finalising the Chronicle and putting it in the public view?

OGEL scheme

19. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to increase the number of countries allowed under Open General Export Licenses (OGEL), if so, the countries being considered for this purpose;

(b) whether Government plans to increase the number of components, devices, equipment, etc., as allowed under OGEL, if so, the items being considered; and

(c) rules framed by Government for transfer of technology between an Indian

subsidiary company and its foreign parent company under OGEL?

Restructuring Ordnance Factories under 'Make in India'

20. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering restructuring existing Ordnance Factories under the 'Make in India' initiative to make them economically viable and more competitive; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Measures to improve ECHS

21. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned measures to meet the budgetary constraints being faced by ECHS (Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme);

(b) steps taken to check and curb the misuse of funds in ECHS and inflated bills being raised by empanelled hospitals;

(c) if so, the details of the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay thereof?

Lowest Bidder Tender System

22. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a concern that the Lowest-Bidder-Tender System (L1 contracting) doesn't allow for more sophisticated and better quality defence equipment to be procured;

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

(c) whether there is any plan to revisit the L1 contracting system?

Domestically manufactured defence products

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

(a) the percentage of defence equipment manufactured in the domestic arena for defence purposes under the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and the number of products amongst these which has been privatised;

(b) the criteria used to determine core and non-core products in the defence sector; and

(c) the number of products that have been classified as non-core products along with a list of such products and their purposes?

Theft on-board INS Vikrant

24. SHRI AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that theft of crucial material took place from systems on-board INS Vikrant, being built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi;

(b) if so, whether investigations into the incident have been concluded and the details thereof; and

(c) the details of measures undertaken by Government to prevent incidents of such nature in future?

Intermediate Jet Trainers for the Indian Air Force

25. SHRI AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Intermediate Jet

Trainer aircrafts being utilised for imparting training to Indian Air Force pilots and the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a shortage of aircraft of this kind; and

(c) if so, steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to meet the shortfall?

Defence co-operation with African Nations

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans a military drill with a dozen African nations next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has been holding defence cooperation talks with many African nations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

India-China joint military drills

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have decided to resume military drills in China to improve capabilities in fighting terrorism and to promote mutual understanding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that each side will send 100 troops to take part in India-China joint military exercise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation and modernisation of Fighter Aircraft by Indian Air Force

28. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) measures undertaken for upgradation and modernisation of Fighter Aircraft by Indian Air Force;

(b) budget allocated for the same; and

(c) degree of increase in capability of Indian Air Force due to this upgradation and modernisation?

Status of Defence Industrial Corridor in Tamil Nadu

29. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government held any meet regarding investment in Defence Industrial Corridor in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has prepared any Detailed Project Report (DPR) in this regard;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Recruitment of women in the Army

30. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army would induct women jawans in the corps of military police;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Army would also explore recruitment of women in Army posts later;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Army is considering to increase the intake of women in other ranks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Need for strategic security equipment

†31. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to revive our capabilities for replacing obsolete war equipment with equipment produced through domestic technology, for removing technical flaws and to meet the need for strategic security equipment in defence sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received suggestions from top officers of Army in this regard and whether required steps are being taken keeping in view the above suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to set up new Sainik Schools

32. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received suggestions from various quarters to open Sainik Schools in the country;

(b) if so, the areas/States identified for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Air pollution level in Delhi

33. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollutants

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have now entered homes in NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the response of the Ministry thereto;

(c) whether air-borne pollutants like Co₂, Total Volatile Organic Compounds have reached the dangerous level in Delhi; and

(d) series of action being taken by various agencies to bring down air pollution level in the capital city, details thereof?

Privatisation of ordnance Factories

34. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken decision to privatise Ordnance Factories in the country including Ordnance Clothing Factory (OCF), Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Engine factory at Avadi, Gun factory at Tiruchi, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given due consideration to the workers working in these factories, who are protesting for more than a month;

(d) if so, whether Government would reconsider its policy of privatising these factories in view of military strategy; and

(e) if so, the response of Government thereto?

Ceasefire violation in Jammu & Kashmir

35. SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is continuous ceasefire violation from Pakistan side along Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu & Kashmir for the last four months;

(b) if so, the details of retaliatory action undertaken by armed forces to save the citizens living in the border/outskirts areas of the State of Jammu & Kashmir; and

(c) steps taken by Government to stop such incidents in that area?

Ceasefire violation by Pakistan

36. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is frequently violating the ceasefire during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details of the incidents of violation of ceasefire by Pakistan;

(c) the details of the Indian soldiers killed and injured during the said violations and damage to property and exodus of people from the affected regions; and

(d) the details of preventive steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check such ceasefire violations at international border areas in the future?

Status of Army Battle Casualties Welfare Fund

37. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH
DHINDSA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Army Battle Casualties Welfare Fund still exists;

(b) if so, the details of the fund/financial assistance given to the affected persons as on date;

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Infiltration of terrorists by Pakistan

‡38. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is trying to orchestrate infiltration of terrorists;

(b) if so, whether Government is trying to take any specific steps to put a check on it; and

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

'Make in India' initiative

39. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Make in India' initiatives undertaken by Ministry of Defence since 2017;

(b) the details of the initiatives undertaken; and

(c) the details of total amount spent on initiatives undertaken under 'Make in India', year-wise?

Increase in sea level due to global warming

‡40. 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 there is a fear of heavy losses due to increase in sea level in many coastal areas of India, caused by global warming and it is apprehended that a few cities may be submerged;

(b) the details of steps taken to constantly control increasing pollution emission and the effects thereof; and

(c) the details thereof?

Plantation drive in private sector

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

(a) whether any special scheme is being implemented for promotion of plantation drive in the private sector, if so, the details thereof and the amount being provided to Jharkhand and Gujarat under the said scheme;

(b) if not, the time by which a special scheme for promotion of plantation drive in the private sector is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether any special scheme is being implemented for promotion of bamboo plantation in the country; and

(d) if so, the funds being provided in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

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High levels of PM 2.5

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

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

(a) the names of cities in India including Delhi, which are having Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 suspended in air beyond its permissible limits;

(b) the effects of measures adopted to reduce the existing high level of air pollution;

(c) the number of deaths caused by air pollution during the last three years;

(d) whether the industries like tourism are suffering as the study reports of institutions like World Health Organisation on air pollution of cities like Delhi, Patna and Mumbai have been made public; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Air Quality Life Index

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) which predicts 4.3 years of life lost due to air pollution in India on an average;

(b) if so, whether Government is willing to state that air pollution reduction measures, should be treated as public health spending in India;

(c) the list of industrial areas that reported 'Safe' levels of AQI for more than

ninety consecutive days in the past two years; and

(d) whether Government is considering conducting impact evaluation of pollution abatement measures as proposed under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)?

R & D for an alternative to single-use plastic

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

(a) whether Government is committed to phase out all single use plastic by 2022, as pledged in 2018 World Environment Day;

(b) if so, amount of funds allocated since 2018, year-wise on Research & Development to develop an alternative to single use plastic;

(c) amount of funds spent since 2018, year-wise, on Research & Development to develop an alternative to single use plastic; and

(d) if no funds have been allocated on research & development to develop alternative to single use plastic, then reasons therefor?

Temporary use of forest land

45. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has stated that the forest land except the protected areas can be used temporarily by any person or firm or organisation;

(b) whether it is a direct violation of the Act passed by Parliament to protect our

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forests and whether it allows open abuse of forests of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of revenue land

46. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has exempted States and Union Territories having more than 75 per cent forest cover, from providing alternative land in the same State *in lieu* of diversion of forests land for various projects;

(b) if so, the names of the States with forest cover in terms of percentage; and

(c) steps taken to help those States in this regard which have shortage of revenue land?

Rising pollution level in metropolitan cities

†47. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pollution level is rising in most of the metropolitan cities; and

(b) if so, the plans of Government to deal with the catastrophic situation arising out of environmental pollution?

Most polluted cities in India

48. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:

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

(a) the names of the most polluted cities in India and their ranking among the polluted cities in the world;

(b) the present level of pollution in each of such cities;

(c) the steps taken by Government to monitor and record the data of ambient air quality properly in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by Government during the last two years to prevent the increasing pollution in the cities of the country?

Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Act (CAMPA) fund

49. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of dues of Andhra Pradesh lying with the Ministry under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Act (CAMPA) after releasing ₹ 1,734 crores;

(b) details of funds collected under CAMPA from various States and other stakeholders during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) share of each State in CAMPA funds during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the States are demanding for increasing their share in CAMPA fund releases; and

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

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Recycling of e-waste

50. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is one of the biggest contributors of e-waste in the world as per recent estimates and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any data regarding percentage of recycling of e-waste generated in the country and if so, details thereof;

(c) whether low quantum of recycling of e-waste in India is due to lack of infrastructure and absence of strong legislative framework and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has any evaluating mechanism to ensure that e-waste generated in the country is being disposed of scientifically and if so, details thereof?

Stubble burning in Haryana and Punjab

51. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stubble burning by farmers in neighbouring States of Punjab and Haryana continue to choke the environment in the National Capital, making the air poisonous;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's failure to stop stubble burning by farmers in these two States; and

(c) details of effective measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

Decrease in Mangroves cover

52. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to one report, between 1972 and 1975, over 200 kms. of the Maharashtra coast was covered with Mangroves and by 2001 there was just 118 kms. of Mangroves left;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for steep decrease in the area of Mangroves in the coastal Maharashtra; and

(c) action Government proposes to take to substantially increase Mangroves area in the State to protect the coasts from tidal surges?

Change in rainfall pattern

53. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether total rainfall and distribution of rainfall have changed during last ten years in northern India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a change is accordingly required in cropping pattern and selection of new varieties;

(d) if so, whether Agriculture Universities have made some progress in this field; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of sanitary pads

54. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any penalty has been

proposed for manufacturers who fail to provide for equal number of disposable pouches in the packets of sanitary pads, as a mandatory requirement in solid waste management rules;

(b) whether any study has been undertaken to assess the compliance; and

(c) measures taken to encourage compliance as regards to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) of such hazardous waste?

Water consumption by thermal power plants

55. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) measures Government has taken to secure compliance of water consumption by thermal power plant; and

(b) whether there are any self-reporting evidences provided by these power plants, verifiable by documents like water bill, etc.?

Poaching in Maharashtra

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

(a) the details of number of forest in the State of Maharashtra that have been declared as reserve forest;

(b) number of incidents of poaching in the national parks in Maharashtra during last three years; and

(c) details of the steps taken by Government to prevent such illegal poaching?

Barren land due to climate change

†57. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 32 per cent land of the country is on the verge of becoming barren;

(b) whether Government is also aware that in eight States namely Goa, Rajasthan, Delhi, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Tripura and Himachal Pradesh, 40 to 70 per cent land is on the verge of becoming barren;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that climate change is also a major factor for the land becoming barren; and

(e) if so, steps taken by Government to save the agricultural land from becoming barren?

Reducing single-use plastic in the country

58. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) measures taken by Government to reduce the usage of single-use plastic in the country;

(b) the total budget allocated towards undertaking the said measures; and

(c) the achievement/progress made so far in reduction of usage of single-use plastic in the country?

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Inter-State co-ordination to address stubble burning

59. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that stubble burning in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana has been cited as the major cause of air pollution in Delhi;

(b) whether Government acknowledges that pollution doesn't restrict itself along political boundaries;

(c) if so, the steps Government has taken to improve inter-State co-ordination for pollution control; and

(d) financial provisions made by Government to address sporadic degradation in air quality?

Biodiversity assessment study to assess environmental consequences of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

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

(a) whether any biodiversity assessment study has been undertaken to assess the ecological, environmental and social consequences of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has proposed any plan to stabilize the socio-ecological stability on the basis that the project will pass through ecological areas and conservation zones in the northern and central India; and

(c) whether Government has any scheme for the conservation of forests and

rehabilitation of the people displaced from forest areas, if so, the details thereof?

Declaration of climate emergency

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

(a) whether declaration of climate emergency is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Environmental degradation due to deforestation

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

(a) details of deforestation during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) details of afforestation programme to compensate the said problem?

Recycling of plastic

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

(a) measures being taken to create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of recycling plastic;

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote and incentivise the recycling of plastic;

(c) whether Government has any plans to provide fiscal incentives on the usage of recycled plastic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Restriction on pet coke and furnace oil

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to restrict pet coke and furnace oil in order to curb pollution in highly polluted areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action plan for climate change in A.P.

65. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) details of action plan prepared for the State of Andhra Pradesh to address climate change;
- (b) details of amount allocated, sanctioned, released and spent on the action plan; and
- (c) details of physical targets set and achieved so far?

Cutting of trees for rallies/ campaigns

66. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a policy or a legislation authorising Government (Centre or State) for cutting of trees in case of a rally by a high dignitary of Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the rationality behind the cutting of trees for election rallies and campaigns;

(d) whether any evaluation study was done for the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Decrease in level of air pollution

67. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to bring down the air pollution levels across the country to or below the World Health Organisation (WHO) levels;
- (b) data of the air pollution, level, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been a decrease in the level of air pollution during the last ten years; and
- (d) if so, whether there is any report published by Government discussing the measures taken to alleviate the alarming levels of air pollution?

Balance between economic development and environment

68. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether intensive planning has been done to maintain a striking balance between economic development and its commitment 'above and beyond' the Paris Agreement to save the mother earth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) major steps underway for afforestation of naked hills in different parts of the country, especially Western Ghats, Central and Northern India?

**Climatic change and preparedness
of the country to combat
adverse impact**

69. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken due note of adverse impact of climatic change in the country, which is visible from long spells of hot days during the current summer season and also from the report of Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of United Nations (UN);

(b) concrete measures taken to reduce carbon emission and to contain anticipated 2 per cent rise in overall temperature; and

(c) whether Government has prepared short-term, mid-term and long-term plans to deal with climatic change with which the country has been suffering?

**Government procurement from
PSUs**

70. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the volume of Government procurement from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry, are declining;

(b) if so, details of Government orders placed with Central PSUs during the last three years, product-wise, yearly volume-wise and monetary value-wise; and

(c) the reasons for decline in orders, if any?

**Steps to address technological gap in
PSEs**

71. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) in India are suffering from technological gap;

(b) if so, the details of those enterprises; and

(c) concrete steps Government is taking to adopt up-to-date technologies in their production system leading to low unit cost and high yield?

**Amount spent on transfer and
acquisition of technology**

72. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) progress made for the establishment of Technology Development Fund and the amount spent on transfer and acquisition of technology over the past three years, under the National Capital Goods Policy (NCGP), 2016;

(b) progress made for the setting up of regional State-of-the-Art Greenfield Centres of Excellence for skill development of Capital Goods sector, under the NCGP, 2016; and

(c) whether any upgradations have been made at Central Power Research Institute, if so, the manner in which these upgradations helped the Institute in research and better certification of electrical equipment, under the NCGP, 2016?

Vehicle recall policy

73. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain deaths in road accidents of light four-wheeler vehicles due to the vehicles not meeting safety standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has developed a mandatory recall policy for vehicles which do not meet safety standards;

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

(e) the number and details of vehicles recalled by automobile manufacturers for safety defects in the country during the last three years and in the current year?

Slump in automobile industry

74. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a slump in automobile industry in the country in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many car manufacturing units have been closed and there is a reduction in production in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the measures taken to improve the automobile sector?

Performance of PSU

75. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether PSUs once lauded as India's

modern temples are now suffering a significant erosion in value over the past decade;

(b) whether market cap of Bombay Stock Exchange, PSU Index which was 31 per cent of broader BSE500 Index in 2009, is now down to 12 per cent despite PSUs being biggest beneficiaries of the corporate tax cuts; and

(c) whether PSU behemoths like Coal India Limited, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. and even National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. have been underperforming the broader market for the past three years missing a slot in the top ten companies by value?

Status of Community Radio Stations

76. SHRI JOGINIPALLY SANTOSH KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Letter of Intent (LoIs) issued to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), educational institutions, Government Institutions and others for setting up of Community Radio Stations (CRS) till 31.10.2019;

(b) the number of CRS operational in the country till 31.10.2019;

(c) whether there is any time period for LoI holders to operate CRS from the date of issue of LoI; and

(d) whether there is any mechanism to cancel the LoI, if the LoI holder does not operate CRS in the stipulated time period and the number of LoIs cancelled, so far?

Curtailling misleading advertisements

77. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to

conduct an independent study to gauge the number of misleading advertisements especially in healthcare and personal care sector as well as educational sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to curtail such advertisements and take strict actions against such advertisements and if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Neradi Barrage

78. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of issues which are yet to be resolved for construction of Neradi Barrage;

(b) reasons as to why Andhra Pradesh Government has proposed for construction of Katragada Side Weir Project, while the issues for Nevadi Barrage are yet to be resolved; and

(c) the effects of Katragada Side Weir Project on Vansadhara river meandering?

Providing irrigation facilities through modern techniques

†79. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government to provide irrigation facilities through modern techniques to farmers for getting their fields irrigated which are located at uneven terrain and hilly tracts and are populated by scheduled tribes and tribal people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the aforesaid areas are deprived of irrigation facilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise

particularly in the districts of Narmada and Bharuch in Gujarat; and

(d) the works undertaken by Government to enhance the irrigation facilities in scheduled tribes/tribal dominated areas and the outcome thereof?

Scheme for reusing of treated waste water

80. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to implement any scheme for reusing of treated sewage, drainage/poor quality water in the country for the agriculture purpose, particularly in drought prone areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for reusing the treated waste water for agriculture purpose, particularly for forestry plantations/non-edible non-food crops/industrial crops, aromatic grasses and floriculture plants in the country?

Access to pure drinking water for rural population

†81. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of rural population in the country does not have access to pure drinking water, at present, if so, the percentage of country's rural population that suffers from this problem;

(b) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive action plan to devise a solution for this problem, if so, the nature of the action plan and the estimated

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expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) whether any timeline has been fixed for the above mentioned action plan to provide clean/pure drinking water to every citizen in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Disparity in water availability in urban and rural areas

82. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has been able to reduce the disparity of water availability in urban and rural areas during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cleanliness of Ganga river

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

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in cleaning and restoration of river Ganga and other rivers under Ganga Safai Abhiyan and river-wise details of the work done so far under this campaign;

(b) the level of cleanliness of river Ganga under this campaign and the amount spent on it during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the water of

river Ganga is getting dirtier rather than getting clean; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Jal Shakti Abhiyan

84. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state the details of the approach and impact of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan" which was launched in the month of July, 2019 for conserving water through various ways in rural and urban areas?

Treatment of arsenic in drinking water

85. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects undertaken and completed till date during 2018-19 and 2019-20 for treatment of arsenic in drinking water, State-wise;

(b) the details of projects undertaken and completed till date during the said period in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(c) the details of projects announced during the said period, which are yet to be started and the reasons for the delay, State-wise?

Allocation of funds for compensating flood losses

86. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) details of steps taken by Government to ensure a permanent solution to avoid flood like situation in various States of the country;

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(b) total losses caused by the flood in last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the total funds allocated by the Centre for compensating the flood losses during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government can ensure a date if so, by when and details thereof, State-wise, for the completion of the projects to ensure that flood like situations are avoided?

Assessment of ground water level

87. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has brought in satellite backed sensors for real time assessment of ground water levels to get accurate updates on ground water levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the parameters etc. for the measurement of ground water level after Phase-1 of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan?

Providing tap water to all households

88. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) announced by Government will also boost the rural economy apart from the aim of providing tap water to all household by 2024;

(b) if so, details of Government infrastructure outlays for this mission; and

(c) the steps taken so far in rural areas of the country to achieve the targets for making the mission successful?

Floods due to siltation in rivers

†89. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flood caused by the silt settled in the Ganga-Yamuna-Bagmati-Brahmaputra-Narmada-Kamala-Koshi rivers and rain water creates problems for the humans in villages and cities;

(b) whether a large amount of funds is spent every year to link the rivers and clean the rivers like Ganga and to remove the silt; and

(c) the reasons due to which Ganga is not cleaned and the silt from other rivers is not removed from the rivers even after spending such large amounts?

Tap water to all households under Jal Jeevan Mission

90. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made by Government to give tap water to all households within next two years under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM); and

(b) water being a State subject, how Government plans to coordinate among the States to implement the objectives of Jal Jeevan Mission?

Study group constituted for pollution in rivers

†91. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has

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constituted any study group for the study of ill-effects of increasing water pollution in rivers in the country and to address it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the provision made to save the rivers from getting polluted and to clean them at present;

(d) whether Government is working on any time bound plan to make the rivers completely pollution free; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Excess fluoride in water

†92. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of excess fluoride in water in Chhattisgarh still exists;

(b) if so, the details of the affected areas, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve this issue?

Ground water and harvesting techniques of rainwater

93. DR AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to boost recharge of ground water and harvesting techniques of rainwater;

(b) whether Government has any concrete plan to have rain harvesting structures, such as percolation tanks and well recharge in rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of Polavaram Project works

94. DR K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no progress in Polavaram Project for the last six months due to allegations of corruption in awarding Polavaram Project works on nomination basis, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of component-wise progress of Polavaram works and by what time the project will be completed according to present status of works; and

(c) the details of head-wise final approved expenditure of the Project, as per latest Standard Schedule of Rates (SSR) and Government's financial commitment for the project?

Objections regarding Polavaram Project

95. DR K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of objections raised by Odisha for construction of Polavaram project in spite of assurance given by the Central and State Governments; and

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to resolve the objections of Odisha Government for smooth completion of Polavaram National Project including withdrawal of cases in various courts?

Feasibility report on interlinking of Cauvery river

96. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

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fact that Cauvery (Kattalia)-Vaigai-Gundar river interlinking is held up even completion of Feasibility Report/Detailed Project Report has been long back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to fast track implement this project with a specified time-frame;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

MoU signed on Ken Betwa link project

97. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is all set to sign Ken-Betwa link project MoU soon, as the MoU is in the final stage of completion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the signing of MoU of Ken-Betwa will pave the way for inter-linking of many such rivers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Providing tap water to rural households

98. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Har Ghar Jal during Budget Session 2019 with the objective to provide tap water in every rural households by 2024;

(b) whether despite expanded scope of work, the budget allocation has in fact

decreased from ₹ 23,938 crore in 2017-18 to ₹ 20,016 crore in 2018-19;

(c) whether as per the Ministry's evaluation, the budget is adequate for achieving the target; and

(d) if so, the details of planned expenditure over the next five years?

Data availability of water resources

†99. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether data regarding availability of water resources is prepared by States and whether this data is shared with the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether any advisory has been issued by the Central Government to States in this regard, so that with the combined efforts of States sudden water crisis can be resolved in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Brahmaputra Board on Pagladiya Dam Project

100. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started Lower Subansiri Hydro Electric Power Project along Assam-Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, status of the project therein;

(c) action taken or proposed to be taken by Government on the dredging part of river Brahmaputra to eradicate flood and the water conservation through anti-erosion plan therefor; and

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(d) report and implementation status of Brahmaputra Board on Pagladiya Dam Project and other multipurpose projects thereof?

Completion of Polavaram Irrigation Project

101. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP), which was scheduled to be completed by March, 2018, has skipped many deadlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any comprehensive plan to complete the project as per the revised schedule;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of toilets under SBM

102. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the toilets built under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) have undergone the second round of verification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of toilets built under the SBM that have been verified by a non-partisan third party; and

(e) the details thereof?

Uranium contamination in ground water in Haryana

103. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the ground water in the country has a higher level of Uranium concentration than the World Health Organization (WHO) standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof with special reference to Haryana;

(c) whether Uranium is not included in the list of contaminants under the Bureau of Indian Standards' Drinking Water Specifications; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Updation of National Water Policy

104. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made to update the age old National Water Policy (NWP);

(b) whether it will be helpful in the judicious and multiple use of water resources among different States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Per capita demand of water under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

†105. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have demanded more water per capita under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) from the Central Government;

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(b) if so, whether Government has given any consideration to this demand, so far; and

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

Supply of safe drinking water to villages

106. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that safe drinking water is still not available in many remote areas of the country, particularly in Tripura and other North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether Government has indentified those areas, where safe drinking water is scarce; and

(c) action plan for provision of safe drinking water to every village in the country?

Irrigation system in Maharashtra

†107. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government for developing irrigation system in Maharashtra, especially in the inaccessible and backward areas of Konkan district and from the rivers located in this district;

(b) the extent of irrigation achieved in inaccessible and tribal areas of this district, on account of these effort; and

(c) the works proposed by Government to provide the facility of irrigation in the tribal areas of above mentioned districts?

Credit exposure of MSMEs

108. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not a fact that despite several rate cuts by RBI and other measures taken by the Government MSMEs recorded a slide in credit exposure;

(b) whether it is also not a fact that entities that have less than ₹ 25 crores credit exposure reported a lower credit growth of 12 per cent in the first half of this fiscal as compared to 23 per cent growth last year during this period;

(c) to what extent the issues in the NBFC sector regarding funding and liquidity challenges have impacted MSME sector; and

(d) what policy and other measures Government proposed to take to bring out MSME sector from 'crisis'?

New definition for MSMEs

109. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is finalizing a new definition for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which will be linked to turnover and would do away with the current system, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has consulted various stakeholders in this regard and how it is going to benefit MSMEs if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a legislation in this regard is likely to be brought before Parliament?

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Modification of MSME Development Act, 2006

110. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to boost the MSME Sector, which contributes 28 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 45 per cent manufacturing output;

(b) whether Government is planning to modify the MSME Development Act, 2006 to prioritise market facilitation and ease of doing business; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

cancellation of the mine lease of the Donimalai mine operated by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) of the State Government has cast a shadow over its business model and could further hurt its stock valuation;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that the cancellation could hurt its reputation as it hinges on renewal of mine leases from State Governments and several mines in Chhattisgarh operated by NMDC are due for renewal in early 2020; and

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

Exemptions for development to MSMEs

111. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the exemptions and sops being given to MSMEs for development;

(b) whether Government has directed the banking sector to deal with the MSME loans by appointing officers at General Manager level and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the objectives and the achievements made during the last three years by the MSME sector, year-wise?

Action plan for prevention of illegal mining

†113. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been formulated by the State Governments to prevent illegal mining;

(b) if so, the names of States which have formulated the said action plan; and

(c) details of illegal mining activities being detected on the basis of these action plans, State-wise?

Mining in sea

†114. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge potential for mining in the sea areas of India;

(b) if so, the quantum of minerals available in the sea areas of India; and

Cancellation of lease of Donimalai mine

112. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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(c) the action plan formulated by Government to undertake mining in the sea areas?

Processing of Iron ore for value addition

115. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Iron ore required in India during the last three years;

(b) amount of Iron ore processed out of total ore mined in India for value addition; and

(c) whether there is any plan to increase the percentage that will be processed in India?

GST on Haj pilgrimage

†116. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Goods and Services Tax (GST) charged on Haj pilgrimage;

(b) the net revenue earned by Government per year from the GST charged on Haj pilgrimage;

(c) whether Government intends to remove GST applicable on Haj pilgrimage; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Audit of grants to minority institutions

117. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides any financial assistance/grants to religious minority institutions, if so, details thereof;

(b) details of grants provided to such institutions during the last three years; and

(c) whether any audit of the grants is being carried out by Government, if so, details thereof?

Allocation for NeVA

118. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated to the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA); and

(b) the details of total number of legislatures covered under the ambit of NeVA?

Accidents due to drunken driving

†119. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of the accidents during the last three years due to drunken driving, State-wise?

New projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana

120. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new projects undertaken by Government under Bharatmala Pariyojana, since 2018; and

(b) whether considering the current pace of development the Phase-1 of the Bharatmala Pariyojana will be completed by 2022?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Construction of NHs

†121. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways in kilometers being built on daily basis in the country from 2004 to 2014;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the pace of construction work since the current Government came into power in 2014; if so, the corresponding increase now, in comparison to the period of 2004 to 2014;

(c) the length of new National Highways constructed in the country, in kilometers, since 2014 till date and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) details of these National Highways built along with respective length thereof, in kilometers, State-wise?

Toll gates on National Highways

122. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toll gates on the National Highways;

(b) details of periodicity of the contract between the Government and the Licensee for maintaining toll gates, annual income derived from the toll gates to the Government, the amenities provided by the contractors who are levying the toll on the vehicle users;

(c) the number of toll gates completing the contract period and the methodology to fix the toll rate; and

(d) the details of penal procedures, if the toll is levied even after the expiry of the contract period?

Steps taken by NHAI to ease traffic on NH 47 at Kuthiran-Kerala

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

(a) steps taken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to expedite clearing the traffic congestion at Kuthiran in the Palakkad-Thrissur stretch of National Highway 47; and

(b) the reason for the delay in clearing the traffic congestion?

Fake drivers' licences

124. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:
SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:

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

(a) whether steps are being taken to keep a check on invalid or fake licences in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise data pertaining to the number of licences issued by Road Transport Offices in India;

(c) if so, the State-wise data of any irregularities or fake licences issued; and

(d) whether Government is planning to introduce a computerised mechanism for issuing licences?

Status of four laning of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

125. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways (NHs) projects in Uttar Pradesh for which announcement had been made for four laning since 2015 till date, year-wise;

(b) the details of National Highways in

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Uttar Pradesh for which announcement had been made for upgradation to four lanes during last three years, NH-wise; and

(c) the details of NHs out of above on which survey has been completed and work of four laning has started as on date, NH-wise?

Implementation of the Motor Vehicles Act

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

(a) States that have implemented and have not implemented the amended Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) whether any change has been made in the levying of penalties proposed in the Act by the States; if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that there is widespread protest from all sections of the society, especially on the unprecedented escalation of fines and penalties;

(d) whether Government is ready to accept the fact that there was no consultation and consensus with stakeholders before passing such an important legislation; and

(e) the manner in which the road transport corporations are affected by this Act?

Repair and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and State Highways (SHs)

†127. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of measures

taken for the repair and maintenance of the National Highways (NHs) and State Highways (SHs) damaged due to excessive rainfall this year along with the details of such Highways, State-wise?

Speed limit for vehicles on National Highways

128. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of speed limit fixed for various types of vehicles on National Highways etc;

(b) if so, whether many of the vehicles are not following the speed limits due to illogical limit levels; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to revise speed limit of vehicles on National Highways?

Plantation of trees along the NHs

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

(a) whether Government has fixed any programme to plant 125 crore trees along with National Highways during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating amount likely to be spent thereon;

(c) whether Government is considering to appoint any agency for planting trees and its maintenance alongwith geo tagging; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Construction of Bundelkhand Expressway

†130. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a delay in the construction of Bundelkhand Expressway, which covers total distance of 294 kilometers from Auriya-Etawah-Mahirpur-Banda to Chitrakoot;

(b) if so, the timeframe fixed for inception as well as completion of the above construction work; and

(c) whether it is apprehended that this work would not be completed within the stipulated time?

Status of National Highways in Bihar

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

(a) the number of National Highways in Bihar for which construction work could not be completed within the deadline set by Government;

(b) the complete details thereof regarding deadline set for each highway and the reasons behind the delay in completion of work;

(c) the action taken against the contractors who could not complete the work within time; and

(d) number of years since when construction work is under progress on NH-105 and 104, by when it was to be completed and by when it is expected to be completed?

New Vehicle Scrappage Policy

132. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIHAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether New Vehicle Scrappage Policy will be implemented in order to bring the same into force in early 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the non-polluting vehicles which were registered before 2005 and which have passed the fitness test are also getting scrapped under the said policy?

Online vehicle document as valid proof

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

(a) whether Government has permitted online vehicle documents as a valid proof;

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

(c) whether Government has issued any instructions to State Governments in this regard;

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

(e) whether Government has received any complaints regarding online documents being accepted by enforcement agencies; and

(f) if so, details thereof along with action taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Development of roads by NHAI

134. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various projects proposed to be executed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the next three years, State-wise;

(b) the length of new National Highways, in kilometers, constructed during the last three years in Kerala;

(c) whether NHAI is facing any hurdles in States for the successful completion of the projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructure Investment Trust

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal for Infrastructure Investment Trust for road projects in the country;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that NHAI had been asked to stop building road, as its debt increased seven-fold over the last five years; and

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

Delay in the construction of Highways due to land acquisition norms

136. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

construction of National Highways works are getting delayed due to mandatory requirement of 80 per cent land acquisition;

(b) whether Government proposes to review the mandatory 80 per cent of land acquisition requirement; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and other steps taken by Government to speed up the construction of National Highways work?

Average construction rate of National Highways

137. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the yearly average of the construction of National Highways have decreased during the last five years; and

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

Details on Authorised Vehicle Scrapping Facility guidelines

138. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued the draft guidelines for setting up of Authorised Vehicle Scrapping Facility (AVSF) in the country;

(b) whether vehicle scrapping initiative of Government will directly result in increase in sale of automobile industry produce;

(c) whether owners of scrapped vehicles will be compensated; and

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

**Implementation of Motor Vehicle
(Amendment) Act by the States**

139. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States like Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Rajasthan have refused to implement the present Vehicle Act whereas the Gujarat Government has expressed reservation on high fines that may not be feasible and the auto and taxi unions of Delhi have demanded rollback of such fines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Amaravati-Anantpur Expressway

140. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started work on Amaravati-Anantpur Expressway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to complete the project in a time-bound manner so that any cost escalation can be avoided;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Road projects for Delhi-NCR

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

(a) the total length of roads constructed in Delhi-NCR region during the last three years;

(b) the details of various projects proposed to be executed in Delhi by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the next three years;

(c) the details of new National Highways or other projects constructed in Delhi during the last three years; and

(d) the proposed amount to be spent on the construction and upkeep of the road projects proposed in Delhi?

Slowdown in pace of growth

142. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian ports are witnessing a slowdown in the pace of growth for the volume of cargo handled, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government had fixed a target of 604.45 million tonnes of cargo, however, ports ended up by handling only 581 million tonnes, if so, the comparative details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) details of the ports which recorded the highest growth in traffic and which have registered negative growth; and

(d) steps being taken to improve the growth for the volume of cargo at each port in future?

**Enhancing cargo handling capacity of
ports**

143. DR. VIKAS MAHATME:
DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is focusing on cargo handling capacity enhancement of the ports in the country;

(b) if so, how has the cargo handling capacity at various ports increased during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Development of inland waterways

144. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to develop inland waterways for cargo movement and transport shipping purpose in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of the measures taken by Government to develop inland waterways?

Plan to privatise CSL and SCIL

145. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to privatise the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and the Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCIL); and

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

Closure of maritime training institutes

146. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM :
Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shipping regulator has

closed 14 maritime training institutes for indulging in fraudulent practices and also issued show-cause notices to another 20 institutes, as to why their permits should not be withdrawn for non-compliance of regulations;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions that have been closed down; and

(c) whether Indian sea-farers employed on Indian and foreign-flagged ships constitute about 10 per cent of global seafaring community and is ranked the third largest supplier of crew to the global shipping industry?

Declaration of waterways as National Waterways

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision to declare 106 waterways of the country as National Waterways has met with strong opposition from the Centre's two major departments, the NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the objections raised by NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Finance; and

(c) the status of making these National Waterways operational and the amount of funds earmarked for the purpose therein?

Cargo movement through coastal shipping

148. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase cargo movement through coastal shipping;

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

(c) the details on cargo moved through coastal shipping during the last three years?

Turnaround time of vessels at ports

149. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focusing on reduction of turnaround time of vessels at ports;

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

(c) the turnaround ratio at various ports during the last three years?

Improving port connectivity

150. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focusing on port connectivity enhancement at various major and minor ports of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps which have been taken during the last three years and expenditure incurred thereon?

Promotion of sports in Andhra Pradesh

151. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of steps taken/schemes being implemented for promotion of sports in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether Government gives any

financial and other assistance to private academies which are now in forefront to produce world champions/world champion level sportsmen in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(d) details of sports training centres being run in Andhra Pradesh and the outcome of such training facilities; and

(e) details of preparations that Government has made for the coming Olympics?

Target Olympic Podium Scheme

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

(a) expenditure incurred as a percentage of total expenditure on the Target Olympic Podium Scheme since its inception;

(b) total number of athletes who have received assistance under the scheme and details of sports that they pursue;

(c) whether Government plans to expand the list of high priority sports and details thereof; and

(d) details of assistance schemes for athletes who do not pursue any of the high priority sports as listed in the scheme?

Comparison of women's and men's cricket team

153. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the national women's cricket team gets a raw deal from Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), compared to the men's team;

(b) the details of remuneration paid to the current men's cricket team, which played the last test match; and

(c) the remuneration paid to the women's cricket team during the last test match as compared to men's team?

Volleyball Federation of India have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Budgetary allocation for Khelo India

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that budgetary allocation towards providing basic facilities to the sportspersons for sports championships and training through 'Khelo India' has been reduced in current financial year, which could affect the participation of India in forthcoming international sports events;

(b) the action plan chalked out by Government to increase the representation of Indian players and the preparation therefor; and

(c) the details thereof?

Irregularities in Volleyball Federation of India

155. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some irregularities concerning constitution of

Election in Volleyball Federation of India

156. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the last election was conducted in the Volleyball Federation of India, registered with the Ministry and the term of the current office bearers;

(b) whether the current office bearers, particularly the Secretary-General of Volleyball federation is elected following the Volleyball Federation of India's own Constitution which states that 'Government official cannot hold two terms of office'; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the financial irregularities going on, in the Federation and whether the Ministry has asked the office bearers to come clean of ongoing Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry?

Khelo India Programme

†157. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government launched the 'Khelo India Programme' to promote sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the number of training camps organised so far, under Khelo India Programme; and

(d) the details of number of training camps organised and number of sports-persons trained in these camps, State-wise?

Sports as career

158. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to encourage the younger generation to take sports as a career option; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken and achievements made, so far, in this regard?

Outcome of sports summit

159. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the desired objective from the sports summit held on 10th October, 2019;

(b) whether Government has drawn out a roadmap to popularize indigenous Indian sports internationally; and

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

National Talent Development Programme

160. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fund has been allocated under National Talent Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the details of State-wise grant, allocation and utilization of the funds particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

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