

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, November 25, 2019/Agrahayana 4, 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

National Coal Wage Agreement

801. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision in clause 9.4.0 in National Coal Wage Agreement (NCWA), which has given a benefit to the coal workers whereby one dependent of the concerned coal workmen will be given employment in case the workman is declared medically unfit in service, due to disability arising out of incurable disease; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this clause 9.4.0 provision has neither been scrapped nor been implemented?

Divestment of CIL

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

(a) whether Government divested the stake of Coal India Limited (CIL) last fiscal year, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Coal India Limited still falls

short on Government's divestment plan; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rise in output of CIL

803. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the output of Coal India Limited (CIL) rose 10.6 per cent in the first half of the current fiscal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the coal supply to power sector rose by 10 per cent touching 232.2 million tonnes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Pithead coal stock

804. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited liquidated 34.3 million tonnes of

its pithead coal stock during the first six months of this fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the inventories stood at 21.2 million tonnes against 55.6 million tonnes at the beginning of this fiscal year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in supply of coal to power plants

805. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited which had produced 580.3 million tonnes of coal in 2017-18 is chasing a target of 652 million tonnes of which 525 million tonnes would be earmarked for the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been complaints from the power sector because of inordinate delay in effecting dispatches of coal to power units; and

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

Commercialisation of coal mining

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

(a) whether Government is aware of commercialisation of coal mining and is inviting private firms for auction of coal blocks with a view to ensure transparent mining, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that private firms are not coming forward to participate in auctioning of coal mines, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the incentives being offered by Government to attract the private firms to participate in coal mining?

Reducing dependency on import of coal

807. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country imports about 213 million tonnes of coal despite abundance of coal reserves as per the data available till April, 2018;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the major reasons for gap between demand and supply of coal in the country is abysmal performance of Coal India Limited which had monopoly in mining till 2018;

(c) whether the introduction of private players in coal mining since 2018 has improved the supply situation to a certain extent; and

(d) the special measures Government has taken to overcome the problems of coal sector?

Drain of foreign exchange due to import of coal

808. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of coal has increased from 131.3 million tonnes in 2014 to 213 million tonnes in 2018, a quantum jump of about 90 million tonnes;

(b) whether coal mining sector did not maintain pace as per increased demand situation mainly due to delay in environmental and forest clearances, land acquisition, transportation of coal from inaccessible mines, inadequate availability of railway rakes, etc. which were tackled in 2014-15;

(c) the factors responsible for slow down in the growth rate to 7 per cent; and

(d) measures taken to reduce import of coal and increase indigenous coal production?

Consumption of coal

809. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of coal during last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is a decrease in consumption of coal in last three years, year-wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure decrease in consumption of coal?

Power Purchase Agreements

810. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the 10 GW power plants are lying idle due to lack of coal linkages and power contracts;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Coal India Limited (CIL) to auction coal linkages to such plants through Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs); and

(c) by when PPAs would be signed and linkages going to be established?

Deaths and accidents in coal mines

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

(a) details of the number of accidents and deaths in coal mines in the country, State-wise;

(b) compensation paid to victims/next of kin of coal mine workers who have died/got injured during work;

(c) steps taken by Government to reduce such incidents and improve the working condition for coal miners; and

(d) amount of compensation paid to the 15 coal mine workers who died in the mines in Jaintia district, Meghalaya in 2018?

Uniform for NCC

812. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agencies/private companies which have been awarded tenders for supply of uniform for National Cadet Corp (NCC) during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for uniform for NCC cadets during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, so far, year-wise; and

(c) the details of uniform for NCC cadets supplied during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 so far?

High influx of traffic into hill stations

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

(a) whether thousands of people every year visit hill stations specially Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand due to which lot of vehicles enter these States, thereby clogging all approach roads to these hill stations and spoiling the eco-system which cannot handle such influx, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government will put restrictions on vehicles entering these States

so that environmental damage is minimized, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Proposal for corporatisation of OFB

814. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to corporatise the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) that comprises of 41 factories all over the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 80,000 defence civilian employees working in the 41 ordnance factories across the country have gone on a 30 days strike against corporatisation of the ordnance factories;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has received any memorandum in this regard from the various Employees Federation of OFB; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Indigenous production of defence equipment

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India was at the top globally in terms of import of weapons in the past, but with the speeding up of manufacturing of indigenous defence products under 'Make in India' scheme, import of weapons has come down significantly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is now in a position to export light combat aircraft to the world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Naval exercise off the east coast

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India has invited 41 countries for a multilateral naval exercise off the eastern coast next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is considering to enhance maritime cooperation and engagement with like minded Navies in the Indian Ocean region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mansik Sahayata Helpline for armed forces personnel

817. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Mansik Sahayata Helpline' has been established by Army and Air Force personnel to take professional counselling, if so, the major issues among personnel that have been witnessed by counsellors so far;

(b) the details of the funds allocated/ sanctioned and utilised for this purpose during each of the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the number and details of training of psychological counsellors deployed, especially in northern and eastern command and whether there has been any study to assess the working of 'MILAP' and 'SAHYOG', if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Capital procurement for defence forces

818. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently given approval for the capital procurement for the Defence forces amounting over ₹ 3,300 crores of indigenously designed and developed equipment to promote the 'Make in India' initiative; and

(b) if so, the details of break up of the sectors for which the amount is earmarked?

Implementation of reservation rules in Sainik Schools

819. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Article 16 (4-a) of the Constitution regarding reservation rules are not being followed in Sainik Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure implementation of Article 16 (4-a) in Sainik Schools, including the schools in Kerala;

(c) whether the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) as mentioned in the State and Centre lists are being given reservation in Sainik Schools; and

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

Indigenous production by DRDO

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

(a) the projects that Government thinks

will promote indigenous production in the defence sector under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);

(b) the amount of funds that have been allocated for each of these projects; and

(c) whether these projects will focus on 100 per cent indigenous production or will be based on foreign partnerships and if so, the percentage of foreign partnerships?

Changes in environment

821. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to deal with the changes in environment as sudden change in the environment is a big threat to the subsistence of the public and on which school students had demonstrated before the Swedish Parliament?

Cutting of trees

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

(a) the details of number of trees cut across the country during the last three years for various development purposes, year-wise, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to cut 13.36 hectares of Mangrove forest in the Thane creek of Maharashtra for the Bullet Train Project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government proposes to take to save the trees and forests at the alter of development?

Forest cover in the country

823. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) the details of the forest cover which is invaluable for the national ecosystem, State-wise;

(b) the comparative details of the forest cover during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the forest cover in each State?

Ban on RO system by NGT

824. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered the closure of Reverse Osmosis (RO) system in the permissible Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) limit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Production of single use plastic

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

(a) the number of production units of single use plastic across the country and the quantity of various plastic products that have been manufactured from these units during the last three years, in tonnes; and

(b) whether Government has any action plan to shut down plastic producing units

to make environment, human life and lives of animals and birds safe, if so, the details thereof?

Protection of endangered species

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

(a) whether there is any increase or decrease in the number of endangered species;

(b) the details of measures under consideration of Government for the protection and increase the population of endangered species; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure control of the activities of illegal killing and poaching?

National Resource Efficiency Policy

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

(a) whether Government has recently released draft National Resource Efficiency Policy, 2019;

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

(c) whether Government has invited comments and suggestions from stakeholders including public/private organisations, experts and concerned citizens on the draft policy;

(d) if so, details of the suggestions received and action taken in this regard;

(e) whether Government is planning to double recycling rate of key materials to 50

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

per cent in five years and enable reuse of water, if so, details thereof; and

(f) other steps taken by Government to recycle and reuse resources to drive India to become resource efficient?

Toxic lead in paints

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the latest research report published by an institute working on environmental pollution according to which the paints used in households contain thousand times more toxic lead than the prescribed limit;

(b) whether the containers marked as 'No Added Lead' or 'Less than 90 PPM' are found to have five hundred times more lead than the specified limits; and

(c) if so, the action taken against such companies and steps taken by Government to compensate consumers for the health related harm caused to them?

Increase in forest cover

†829. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the current percentage of forest area in the country;

(b) whether Government has implemented any scheme to enhance the forest area and help reduce the carbon emissions during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the percentage of increase in

the forest area and reduction in carbon emission recorded after implementing the said scheme in last three years and current year?

Pollution due to development projects

†830. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a regular evaluation of the loss caused by pollution due to development projects is being undertaken by Government and whether the approval for the development projects is being granted on the basis of evaluation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many projects have not been granted approval in the past on the basis of evaluation of loss caused by pollution; and

(d) if so, the details of the last decade, in this regard?

Combating pollution and Climate Change

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

(a) the steps undertaken to combat pollution and Climate Change in India;

(b) the expenditure incurred by Government for combating pollution and Climate Change in India during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of achievements made in combating pollution and Climate Change in India?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Severe air pollution in cities

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

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

(a) cities of the country including Delhi having Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 particles beyond prescribed measure, in the air;

(b) effect of the measures taken to reduce the high level of air pollution;

(c) details of deaths which occurred due to air pollution during last three years;

(d) whether industries like tourism are being adversely affected according to study reports by World Health Organization on air pollution in the cities like Delhi, Patna and Mumbai; and

(e) whether it is a fact that many States have not taken any significant step to reduce pollution despite the strictness of the court?

Environment Performance Index

833. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is ranked at 177, *i.e.* fourth worst, out of 180 countries on the Environment Performance Index;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India's

rank slipped by 46 places from 141 in 2016 to 177 in 2018; and

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

Basic facilities in forest villages

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

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

(a) the details of the forest villages in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there are excessive delays in obtaining permission from the Forest Department in respect of facilities/developmental activities like roads, schools, electrification, Government accommodation, toilets etc due to which tribal people inhabiting forest villages are still being deprived of basic facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Air pollution due to stubble burning

835. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to stubble burning, air pollution has reached alarming levels in Delhi and other adjoining States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has assessed the situation of stubble burning and air pollution and has taken steps in this regard;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

Increase in prescribed standards of pollution limit of thermal power plants

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

(a) whether it is a fact that approval has been given to raise the prescribed standards of air-pollution limits from thermal power plants running on coal; and

(b) if so, the names of such thermal power plants and extent of pollution limits approved to them, details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Conservation of Western Ghats

837. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dense forests, including Western Ghats are constantly shrinking in the country;

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

(c) whether any assessment regarding the requirement of area of dense forests have been done and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any action plan for the conservation of Western Ghats in the light of severe land slides recently?

Accidents of elephants

838. SHRI RIPUN BORA:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of elephants have been killed by trains in the eastern and north-eastern parts of the country in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of number of casualties, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures adopted to curb the accidents?

Ban and reduction of Single Use plastics and plastics

839. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:
SHRI R.K. SINHA:

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

(a) whether Government has recently launched any policy to ban or prevent and reduce single use plastics and plastics in the country;

(b) whether Government has set up any Committee to look into the issue of single use plastics in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Relocation of villages from tiger reserves

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 108 villages in three tiger reserves in Ranthambhore are proposed to be relocated under Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of families to be relocated from CTH;

(d) whether Government has decided to release an amount of ₹ 150 crores for relocation of villages from tiger reserve and enhance the relocation package;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Star rating scheme on pollution

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

(a) whether Government is aware of star rating scheme in Maharashtra, which is also being implemented in other States like Odisha, Rajasthan and Jharkhand;

(b) whether Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is considering making it mandatory that information on pollution from all industries be posted online in the public interest; and

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

Global climate emergency

842. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 11,000 scientists worldwide have declared a Global Climate Emergency and have warned that untold suffering is inevitable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government thereto and the effective measures under consideration of Government?

Public health emergency due to bad air quality

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

(a) whether Government has declared a public health emergency as the air quality has further deteriorated to beyond severe levels in Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in October and November, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government with consultation with Northern States to control hazardous air pollution every year, particularly during October to December months?

High influx of traffic into hill stations

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

(a) whether thousands of people every

year visit hill stations specially Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand due to which lot of vehicles enter these States, thereby clogging all approach roads to these hill stations and spoiling the eco-system which cannot handle such influx, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government will put restrictions on vehicles entering these States so that environmental damage is minimized, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Displacement of families due to Project Tiger

†845. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families displaced as a result of the 'Project Tiger' being launched in Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government provides any compensation to the displaced families, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government intends to provide facilities to the displaced families, according to the new Land Acquisition Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Diwali on air quality in major cities

846. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that bursting crackers is not a part of Hindu religion;

(b) whether manufacturing of hazardous crackers which leads to worsening of air quality, has been completely stopped in India;

(c) whether Government has conducted an awareness drive before Diwali in the entire country educating no use of these harmful crackers;

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

(e) the details of impact of Diwali on air quality in 10 major cities in India?

Curb on deforestation

†847. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the details of concrete and effective schemes formulated by Government to stop the ongoing deforestation and ensure afforestation of the wasteland during next three years?

Forest fires in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

†848. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has analysed the reasons responsible for the massive fires taking place in the forests of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh in the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the effective steps proposed to be taken to prevent such fires in future?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Consultants and advisors working in the Ministry

849. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and it's various departments and autonomous bodies/institutions and Public Sector Organizations associated with it as of 31st August 2019, since when are they working and the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being paid to them, department/institution-wise;

(b) the mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically; and

(c) number of such persons serving with the department or in any other associated organizations continuously for the last ten years?

Inter-State meeting to tackle stubble burning

850. 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 the States of Haryana and Punjab causes severe spike in air pollution during the months of October and November causing annual public health emergency;

(b) if so, whether any high power inter-State meeting was organized to take preventive measure;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Economic loss due to air pollution

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi NCR's air quality dropped to emergency category with Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 level touching 1000 in the first week of November, 2019 severely affecting people's health;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) steps Government has taken to improve the air quality; and

(d) the estimated economic loss due to air pollution including the closure of factories and shutting down of construction sites?

Pollution in Delhi

852. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi is one of the top polluted areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government to control pollution?

Combating air pollution in Delhi NCR

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

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to combat air pollution in Delhi NCR; and

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

Norms on coastal regulations

854. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the cities in the world are built on river front, without any restriction on distance from the water;

(b) if so, reasons why Coastal Zonal Regulation prescribes unrealistic norms; and

(c) whether Government will consider the norms based on global experiences?

High AQI in metro cities

855. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of very bad Air Quality Index (AQI) in metro cities which crosses almost 5 to 6 times more than the normal AQI limit;

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to control air pollution in metro cities;

(c) whether Government has a systematic and scientifically designed implementation procedure to control air pollution in metro cities;

(d) if so, whether Government is planning to have such a procedure in future; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Recycling of scrap

†856. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of waste material and scrap is permitted for reuse, recycling and re-processing purposes only and not for their disposal in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the major part of the waste material and scrap imported during the last three years is lying as trash at the ports and different parts of the country;

(d) whether Government has identified the trash, which awaits disposal, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the action taken in this regard?

Rising air pollution in NCR

857. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution level in the air in the National Capital Region (NCR) went up to 'severe' on several days during the end of October;

(b) the reasons for the rise of pollution in the NCR;

(c) the health risks due to this rise of pollution; and

(d) the steps being taken to reduce the pollution levels?

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Plantation of trees under INDC

858. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has maintained any district-wise data of trees and their varieties planted under Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) which intends to achieve a target of 5 million by 2022;

(b) the steps taken to check the maintenance of those plants and funds allocated for the same; and

(c) the role of States in fulfilment of this INDC and details of their contribution, if any?

Plantation drive in Private Sector

†859. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any specific scheme for promoting the activities of plantation in private sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any special Committee has been constituted for the implementation of the said scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred under the said scheme during the last three years?

Pending cases of lease renewal of forest land

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of

cases of lease renewal of forest land duly recommended by the State Governments are pending;

(b) if so, number of cases pending related to educational institutions in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) their names and reasons for pendency; and

(d) by when these are proposed to be expedited?

Pollution in Delhi and other metropolitan cities

861. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that air pollution in Delhi is life threatening;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any action after identifying that stubble burning is one of the source of pollution; and

(d) whether Government has any cogent plan to tackle the pollution in Delhi and other metropolitan cities in future?

Setting up plastic waste management units

862. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up thousands of block level plastic waste management units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of blocks which will have such units, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which these units will come into effect in the chosen blocks?

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Loss making PSU units

863. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to identify the main reasons for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) becoming loss making units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) steps taken by Government as corrective measures, if any; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Efforts towards electric mobility

864. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electric mobility needs stable and long-term policy, support, concentrated customer incentives and massive awareness campaigns to reach a target of 30 per cent electric vehicles by 2030;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) expects Government to target at least one million EVs in top 10 most polluted cities across India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of heavy industry in J&K

865. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposals to establish any heavy industry in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K);

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from private parties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of electric vehicles

866. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electric vehicle makers body viz. Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) has sought an allocation of ₹ 20,000 crore in the next two years for promotion of electric vehicles in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the SMEV has also urged Government to impose a notional green cess on conventional vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Decision on electric vehicles

867. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is in the process of taking a decision to allow only electric 2-wheelers only from 2025 and only electric 3-wheelers only from 2023;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any subsidy/incentive has been proposed for automakers for this; and

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

Vacant posts in CPSEs

†868. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether posts in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are lying vacant;

(b) the details of various posts, Enterprise-wise; and

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up those vacancies?

Revival of loss making CPSEs

†869. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) presently under the administrative control of various Ministries/Departments;

(b) the details thereof and number of CPSEs, out of these, which have suffered loss during current year; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to transform such CPSEs into profit making entities?

Revival of sick PSEs

870. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) have been declared as sick units and whether efforts put forth by Government to revive those units have met with success;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any PSEs has registered profit during the last financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Slow down in Automobile Sector

871. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Automobile Sector is in a crisis with a sharp fall in production and sale of passenger and commercial vehicles in recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of factory workers, technicians and managers have lost employment due to scaling down of production, closure of factories and economic slow down across the country;

(d) if so, the estimated number of persons who have lost jobs and employment in the Auto Sector; and

(e) interventions Government proposes to make to revive the automobile industry?

Take over of Instrumentation Limited

872. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or agreement with Kerala Government for taking over the Instrumentation Limited, Palakkad;

(b) the reason for not handing over the unit to Kerala Government;

(c) whether Government had provided necessary land for establishing the

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'Instrumentation Limited' in Palakkad, total cost and the estimated value of land then and now; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government was told to pay the value of the land in possession of Instrumentation Limited, Palakkad to Central Government for handing over the unit?

Automotive Mission Plan

873. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vision under the Automotive Mission Plan has been achieved;

(b) whether the recommendations under the Automotive Mission Plan 2006-16 has been fully implemented to boost the automotive sector; and

(c) if not, the measures that have not been implemented and the reasons as to why they have not been implemented?

Contribution of automotive sector to GDP

874. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of the four wheeler passenger vehicle automotive industry to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, in percentage; and

(b) the contribution of the automotive sector as a whole, to the GDP from the years 2010-19, year-wise in percentage?

Ban on TV channels

875. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaint demanding a ban on some programmes shown on various TV channels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Advisory for debates on TV channels

876. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to circulate an advisory to the news channels which are deliberately indulging in Hindu-Muslims debates in the TV channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether such TV debates which are full of hatred, a concern for the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stoppage of free air channels by DTH service providers

877. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether getting free to air channels, particularly Doordarshan channels, on DTH connections is the right of consumer after paying onetime charges of DTH installation including Dish, Set Top Box etc. as in case of mobile incoming services;

(b) if so, the reasons for which DTH service providers are allowed to stop services of all free to air channels instantly on the monthly recharge date, in case of recharge delay; and

(c) appropriate action taken by Government to ensure that consumers continue to get free to air channels without any interruption even in case of delay in monthly recharge by the consumer?

Censorship powers of CBFC

878. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Report of the Committee of Experts constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Shyam Benegal regarding the change of pre-censorship powers of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), so that it functions purely as a certification body has been accepted by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misleading advertisements in different media

879. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the rise in misleading advertisements in different media including television in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received about such campaigns/ advertisements and the action taken against brands and channels for violating the norms/ guidelines;

(c) steps taken by Government to monitor the contents of the advertisements being telecast;

(d) the role of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) and the details of their evaluation report, if any, on misleading advertisements; and

(e) the proposals and the directions of Government in this regard?

Impact of shale gas manufacturing on groundwater

880. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted studies on the effect of shale gas manufacturing processes on groundwater levels;

(b) whether Government has surveyed the effect of shale gas on the quality of the groundwater surrounding the mining basin; and

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

e-flows of water in major rivers

881. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a National framework to implement and monitor the e-flow of waters in all major rivers round the year especially in river Ganga; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

Policy on water resources

882. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated or proposed to formulate any policy on water resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest status of the implementation of this policy?

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

National Water Quality Sub-Mission

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

(a) whether Government has launched the National Water Quality Sub-Mission to provide safe drinking water to Arsenic/Fluoride affected districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of districts in Haryana that have been covered under this mission; and

(d) the amount of funds released and utilised under this Mission till date, State/UT-wise and district-wise including details of Haryana?

Anti-erosion project for protection from floods

884. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is responsible for implementing anti-erosion projects for protection from floods across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the anti-erosion projects sanctioned during the last three years;

(c) whether Government is aware of the breaching of Brahmaputra river at many places every year and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(d) whether Government contemplates any action plan or project to check flash floods which occurs in Assam routinely during monsoon; and

Expert opinion for cleaning Ganga

†885. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seeking expert opinion or help from abroad, in order to make river Ganga devoid of any impurity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under 'Namami Gange Project' till date, State-wise; and

(c) by when this river would be completely clean and the steps being taken by Government to make it pollution free?

Contamination of groundwater due to Arsenic

886. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Green Tribunal has recommended that Government may look into the matter of groundwater contamination due to Arsenic and relook the existing plan to combat Arsenic menace;

(b) whether Government has taken/plans to take any step in this regard; and

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

Providing drinking water through tap to every household

887. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether every household should be

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provided with tap water by the year 2022 as announced by Government recently;

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

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to provide drinking water through tap to every household; and

(d) if so, the details thereof particularly in Madhya Pradesh, village-wise?

Rain water harvesting

888. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) action taken by Government for rain water harvesting in the country;

(b) whether Government has requested all the States/UTs to formulate State Specific action plan for water conservation/ harvesting and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also requested the States/UTs in this regard;

(d) whether any assessment has been made regarding storage capacity of rain water in each State; and

(e) if so, the details of the capacity of each State for storing the rain water and the percentage which is being stored at present?

Plans for water harvesting

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to promote water harvesting;

(b) if so, whether Government has

taken any action in this direction, so far; and

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

Review of Farakka Barrage Project

†890. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to do an immediate review of Farakka Barrage Project which was set up 42 years ago;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Mission for Clean Ganga

891. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the status of National Mission for Clean Ganga with details of budget allocated, released and spent since implementation of the scheme, year-wise;

(b) how much of river Ganga has so far been cleaned and whether it is commensurate with the money so spent;

(c) whether Government has planned to take the help of fishermen communities and others for cleaning of river Ganga and protecting the precious species like Dolphin; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Plants under AMRIT Technology

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

(a) the details of households which have been provided safe drinking water in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal which is

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most affected by arsenic contamination in the country till 31st October, 2019, State-wise and district-wise in case of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of plants under (Arsenic and Metal Removal by India Technology) AMRIT installed or proposed in these States during 2019-20 till date; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and spent so far during current fiscal year for above purpose?

Cleaning of major rivers

893. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to clean major rivers in the country, State-wise and whether any time line has been fixed to make these rivers pollution free; and

(b) the details of amount allocated and spent on each of these rivers to achieve the target?

Parameters for ODF district

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

(a) the parameters on which a district is declared open defecation free (ODF); and

(b) whether there is any district in the country that is still practicing open defecation, if so, the details thereof?

Groundwater recharging in Punjab

895. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that rainfall was highest in the country this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in the State of Punjab; and

(c) steps taken by Government to recharge the groundwater, as it is not being recharged inspite of heavy rains?

Erosion in the banks of Ganges and Hooghly river

896. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been serious erosion on the embankments of Ganges and Hooghly river and above and lower stretches of Farakka Barrage;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to stop the erosion; and

(c) the plans to rehabilitate the erosion affected peoples?

Plan for resolving water crisis

897. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to address the problem of water crisis and to provide drinking water to the rural and urban people in different parts of the country, if so, the details of plan and projects thereof;

(b) the total amount of funds allocated for this project;

(c) the allocated funds for the various States in 2019-2020; and

(d) details of the share of the Central and State Governments in the said amount?

Water flow in major rivers

898. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to ensure

round the year water flow in major rivers of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring mechanism for check dams

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

(a) the number of check dams in operation currently, State-wise;

(b) whether these check dams are cleaned up regularly, and

(c) monitoring mechanism for regular cleaning of these check dams?

National Flood Management Policy

900. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a National Flood Management Policy to combat the menace of floods; and

(b) the steps being undertaken by Government to ensure flood-resilient infrastructure in coastal States as well as the riparian States of Assam and Bihar?

Marketing competitiveness of MSMEs

901. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided assistance to enhance the marketing competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details of the various

schemes under which such assistance is being given to the MSME sector; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, expenditure incurred, targets fixed and achieved under each of the schemes during the last three years and the current year?

Contribution made by MSMEs to GDP

†902. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of contribution of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;

(b) the percentage increase or decrease of their contribution to GDP during the last three years;

(c) details of the number of people employed in the MSMEs, State-wise; and

(d) the details of Government's action plan for generation of employment?

Financial assistance to artisans and craft persons

903. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide financial assistance to artisans and craft persons in order to boost their profession and to provide a marketing platform;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether there is any scheme in the pipeline in this regard?

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Credit growth rate of MSMEs

904. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been published on the credit growth rate of MSMEs in the previous quarter; and

(b) if not, by when it is expected to be published?

Sick MSME units

905. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of MSME units are sick in the country;

(b) if so, the number of people who have become unemployed and the number of families affected due to this; and

(c) the manner in which Government is planning to address this problem and help the people?

Closing down of MSME units

906. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of access to the latest business skills and delay in adopting latest technology has affected the capability of MSMEs in the global markets;

(b) if so, the details of schemes that Government is implementing to address technological and business aspects of MSMEs;

(c) the extent to which technology centers run by Government are helping the MSME sector; and

(d) the reasons for the large-scale closing down of MSME units in the country?

Extension of non-captive mining leases

907. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of non-captive mining leases will expire on March 31, 2020 as against 2030 for captive mines and the justification for such distinction between captive and non-captive mines;

(b) whether it is a fact that even if expiring leases are auctioned now, production would take years to commence leading to immediate loss of production, disruption in the sector and lots of job losses; and

(c) if so, whether Government plans to extend the term of non-captive mining leases and if not, the reasons for adopting such an economically detrimental approach?

Job losses and supply disruption due to expiry of mining leases

908. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expiry of the working mines on 31st March, 2020 will lead to loss of more than two lakh jobs apart from creating a serious disruption to the mineral supply chain; and

(b) if so, steps Government has taken to address these issues and the details thereof?

National Mineral Exploration Trust

909. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds collected

under the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) in the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the NMET is planning on exploring areas in environment sensitive regions;

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps be taken to prevent harm to such regions;

(d) whether the NMET is planning on exploring areas in any region pertaining to particularly vulnerable tribal groups; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to prevent any kind of harm to these groups?

Illegal sand mining in Pangan river

†910. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the illegal sand mining taking place in the Pangan river in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to prevent the illegal sand mining in Pangan river and the action taken against the mining mafia in Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has entered into any talks with Chhattisgarh Government regarding the illegal sand mining taking place in other rivers, including Pangan river and if so, the result thereof?

Scholarships for minorities

911. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced scholarships for minority students in the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of students belonging from minority communities in the last three years including the current year, both State-wise and gender-wise;

(c) whether there has been an increase in the number of students receiving scholarships after post-graduation; and

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

Programmes for minority communities

912. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various academic and research related programmes started by Government for the development of the minority communities;

(b) whether there is any participatory platform provided by Government to the representatives from minority communities to express their views and suggestions on various aspects of these programmes; and

(c) the total budget estimate and actual expenditure incurred towards these programmes?

Development programmes for minorities in districts

913. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has expanded development programmes for minorities in 308 districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a campaign has been started on war footing to provide basic amenities to ensure educational empowerment of girls belonging to minority communities in 308 districts across the country; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Public buildings on Waqf properties

914. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, schools, colleges, skill development centres, multi-purpose community centres, Sadbhav Mandap, Hunar Haat, hospitals, business centres, etc. have been constructed on Waqf properties; and

(b) if so, the details of Waqf properties and the location on which the said structures have been constructed as on date?

Increase in Visa fee for Haj yatris

915. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia has announced a nearly six-fold rise in Visa fee, which will make Haj pilgrimage costlier than before;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has requested Saudi Government for reducing the exorbitant fees, particularly for the poor Haj yatris; and

(d) if so, Saudi Government's response thereto?

Job placements for minority youth

916. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of physical and financial achievements of the "Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)" and "Nai Roshni" schemes for the last three years and the current financial year;

(b) the number of minority youth placed after participating in 'Seekho aur Kamao' (Learn and Earn) during the last three years;

(c) whether 'Seekho aur Kamao' ensures placements of minimum 75 per cent trainees, out of which at least 50 per cent placement is in organized sector; and

(d) if so, the number of minority youth provided employment during the last three years, State-wise?

Status of Bharatmala project

917. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is executing Bharatmala project to construct roads along India's borders and other important places, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the stakeholders have been taken into confidence, especially farmers whose land is to be acquired;

(d) whether realignment is proposed where the road passes through fertile land, with details;

(e) the status of progress of each project, State-wise and the schedule of completion; and

(f) the funds allocated for each project during the last two years and in the current financial year?

Pending National Highway projects

918. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) action taken by Government to complete the under construction/partially

constructed/pending National Highways projects in the country; and

(b) the details of the above said projects, along with the progress made so far in the current year to complete these pending projects, State-wise?

Road Accidents and Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming increase of fatal road accidents in the country;

(b) whether the recently passed Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act addresses the issue of minimising the road accidents;

(c) if so, the activities that are taken under the provisions of the Act on various fronts to minimise road accidents; and

(d) if not, various hindrances that are coming in the way and reasons therefor?

Four-laning of Highways in Konkan region

†920. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Highways that were announced to be converted into four-lane in the districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra State during the last three years;

(b) the names and the lengths of these Highways;

(c) the regional location of these Highways; and

(d) the status of the completion of the announced four-lane projects?

Rubberized coaltar roads

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

(a) the lengths of rubberized roads constructed in last three years including current year and expenditure incurred therein, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted and study on difference between coaltar and rubberized road, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government/National Highways Authority of India is considering to use rubberized coaltar in construction of National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Highways and roads in Odisha

922. SHRI AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads in Odisha that have been approved in-principle for declaration as National Highways during last three years;

(b) the present status of these projects and budgetary allocations towards the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has introduced any innovative revenue models to finance the development of roads in the State of Odisha, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Declaration of a road as NH in Kerala

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

- (a) whether declaration of Kozhikode-Nilambur-Gudallur road as National Highway is under consideration;
- (b) if so, the status thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Road accidents in the country

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is home to more road accidents than other countries of the world;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any concrete and effective steps to put a check thereon; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Condition of roads and highways

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that across the State of Maharashtra all major roads viz. National Highways and State Highways are in pathetic condition for almost last four years; and
- (b) whether Government has claimed that it completes a road length of 40km/day and whether this calculation excludes Maharashtra?

Sammruddhi Mahamarg in Maharashtra

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

- (a) the total number of trees which were there on the belt of 701 km Mumbai-Nagpur Sammrudhi Expressway;
- (b) the total number of trees required to be axed for completing the Expressway;
- (c) the number of trees which have already been axed as on date; and
- (d) whether norms of Indian Roads Congress have been followed, if not, the reasons therefor?

National Highway projects in Andhra Pradesh

927. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Highway (NH) projects taken up for renovation/repairs/completion along with NHs passing through Andhra Pradesh during the past two years;
- (b) the quantum of funds earmarked and released along with the utilisation thereof;
- (c) whether any works have been left incomplete, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government for their early completion?

Conversion of State Highways to NHs in MP

†928. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether proposals regarding

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declaring various State Highways of Madhya Pradesh as National Highways (NHs) is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether declaration of the said State Highways as National Highways (NHs) and speeding up of their construction/upgradation work is scheduled to be completed in a fixed time-frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hefty challans under Motor Vehicles Act

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a truck owner from Rajasthan had to pay a fine of ₹ 1,41,700 for overloading his truck on September 5, 2019 in Delhi;

(b) whether such hefty challan incidents have coursed panic among the people; and

(c) if so, whether there are any plans to amend the law to reduce the fines?

Speed governors in commercial vehicles

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

(a) whether the speed governors in commercial vehicles as mandated by Supreme Court and Government shall be installed in commercial vehicles under the strict surveillance of the State Transport Departments; and

(b) whether Government is aware that despite issuing notification and making it compulsory to fit speed governors in transport vehicles, it has not been implemented fully?

Arbitration cases involving NHAI

931. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether arbitration cases involving the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have been on a steady rise in the recent years, with number of such cases recording a high of 1014 in Financial Year (FY) 2018 against a mere 125 in FY 2017;

(b) whether with many vendor companies facing liquidity crunch, there is a desperate scramble for filing more claims and monetising some of these to seek quick awards; and

(c) whether the NHAI has also settled claims outside arbitration or courts to bail out vendors as the timeline for arbitration and its resolution is longer?

Highway projects in Odisha

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

(a) the number of major Highway projects launched in Odisha by the Central Government during the last one year, mentioning the investment/sanction amount for these projects;

(b) whether Government is planning or having proposal to launch more such Highway projects for the overall economic development of the region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of NHs in North-East

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

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of

the Look East policy, construction of National Highways has gone down in all North-Eastern States in the last five years period;

(b) if so, State-wise comparable study chart for the period 2009-14 and 2014-19;

(c) if there is decrease in construction in terms of length and kms, the reasons therefor; and

(d) present status of National Highways under construction and the new projects in North-Eastern States?

Upgradation of State Highways into NHs

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to convert State Highways into National Highways particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government has earmarked any amount for such conversion;

(c) if so, the details thereof, particularly in respect of Rajasthan;

(d) whether Government has set any timeline for such conversion; and

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

Status of coastal Mumbai-Goa Highway

935. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four-laned coastal highway was first proposed in 2016 and was to be completed in 2018, but the deadline was first shifted to March this

year before being again postponed to the year-end:

(b) if so, the details of schedule for completion of the four-lane Mumbai-Goa Highway Project (part of NH-66);

(c) the reasons for non-completion of the project and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the details of the current status of the project?

Issuing of driving licence to illiterate persons

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering issuing of driving licence to persons who are illiterate;

(b) if so, whether it is dangerous to allow a person to drive a vehicle who can not read and understand any instruction; and

(c) whether this decision has been taken after proper consultations?

Vehicle density on NHs

937. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current vehicle density per kilometer on National Highways (NHs) in the country, and the projection for increase in the vehicle density in next five years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the width of National Highways (NHs) and improve the road design to accommodate more vehicles;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to

take any action to demolish the illegal civil structures that have come up along the National Highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NHs in West Bengal

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

(a) the details of each of the proposed and constructed National Highways in the State of West Bengal during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of construction quality and monitoring system of maintenance of National Highways?

Dilution of penalties under MV Act

939. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have diluted the provisions of the recently amended Motor Vehicle Act (MV Act), prescribing penalties for violation of rules;

(b) to what extent they have deviated from the prescription in the Act; and

(c) response of Government on the issue?

Fastag technology

940. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for cars to use Fastag on all Toll Plazas in the country from 1st December 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of vehicles equipped with the Fastag as of now;

(d) whether Government is expecting one lakh crore per year from Toll collection;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the NHAI has signed MoUs with Goods and Services Tax (GST) WEB System integration with Fastag;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) other steps being taken by Government in this regard, so far?

National Road Transport Policy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has outlined a National Road Transport Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main emphasis in the proposed policy is on private participation, rationalisation of motor vehicles tax regime across the country, etc;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government may think of involving cooperative societies to train unemployed youth in road maintenance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

National Highways

†942. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a plan for overall development of inner parts of the cities for which National Highway

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bypasses have been approved, before they are entrusted to the respective States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any proposals have been received from the States for the said scheme, if so, State/district-wise details of the actions taken on these proposals?

Approval for expressway and NH-544-F

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently approved Anantapur-Amaravathi Greenfield Expressway and also issued approval for NH No. 544-F;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of packages in which the project is going to be taken up and packages where Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared so far?

Central stake in State Transport Corporations

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is having a stake in State Road Transport Corporations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether States can independently take a decision to wind-up or merge (with the Government) the State Transport Corporations established under Road Transport Corporations Act, 1950 without the consent of Central Government; and

(d) whether Central Government bears the losses of State Transport Corporations?

Development of multi-modal ports

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

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to develop multi-modal ports in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified any places in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for developing such multi-modal ports, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked and the quantum of funds released so far?

DGS inspection programme to monitor RPSL holders

946. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many Indian seafarers in jails outside India, stranded, are not being paid and awaiting their repatriation;

(b) whether after targeting maritime training institutes, faculty and seafarers over quality issues, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is now keen to rein in recruitment and manning agents by grading their performance by an external agency; and

(c) the details of the inspection programme to monitor the working of the approved Recruitment and Placement Services License (RPSL) holders?

Connecting North-East with alternative water route

947. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

connect North-East region through alternative water route; and

(b) if so, the details of plan and projects thereon?

Inland waterways in Kerala

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

(a) whether the Government is considering sanction of funds for various Inland waterways in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Developing Ganga river as inland waterway

949. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:
SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is developing Ganga river as inland waterway;

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken and expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) whether Government proposes to operate Ro-Ro Ferry and Ro-Pax Ferry on the said National Waterway and if so, the details thereof?

Revitalisation of shipbuilding industry

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

(a) whether the Indian shipyards employ around 30,000 people at present which will substantially go up once this sector is revitalised, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the shipbuilding industry is a strategically important industry due to its role in energy security, national defence and development of heavy engineering industry, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Development of waterways and allied services

951. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:
DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of National Waterways and development activities thereon in the country;

(b) the details of current services and proposed services like cruise, Ro-Ro Ferry, Ro-Pax Ferry, inland cargo shipping, etc.; and

(c) whether Government proposes to include new inland waterways and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

National Waterways

952. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to make a number of National Waterways across the country with the objective of drastic reduction of vehicular traffic on roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has earmarked any fund for this;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Access facilities at ports

†953. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to access the facilities available at the ports in coastal States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of approved proposals out of the proposals received by Government during the last few years?

Promotion of indigenous sports

†954. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts Government is making to promote the indigenous sports like Kho-Kho, Kabaddi etc.;
- (b) list of the sports which are considered as 'indigenous sports'; and
- (c) the number and names of the indigenous sports prevalent in the North-Eastern States which are popular among tribal people?

Low spending on sports

955. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government spending on sports is far less than the Asian countries like Japan, South Korea and China; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Khelo India Programme

956. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

- (a) the details of State level Khelo India centres established;
- (b) details of rural/indigenous sports which Government has promoted;
- (c) the details of financial support given to National/regional/State sports academies;
- (d) the details of sports competition sponsored/organised under the aegis of 'Khelo India' programme; and
- (e) the details of talented players identified in priority sports disciplines at various levels and annual financial assistance given to them?

Promotion of 'Sepak Takraw'

†957. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that 'Sepak Takraw' sport is played in the schools, across the country;
- (b) whether Government is also aware that the Indian team had won bronze medal in this sport in 2018 Asian Games;
- (c) if so, whether requests have been received by Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT) for promoting this sport; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for the delay and by when it is likely to be included?

Khelo India projects submitted by Kerala

958. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of projects submitted by

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the State of Kerala under 'Khelo India' from 2014 to 2019;

(b) number of such projects approved, rejected, returned for clarification and still under consideration;

(c) the yearly allocation for the scheme since 2014 and percentage of it allotted for the projects submitted from Kerala each year; and

(d) allocation of the fund under Khelo India scheme for each State from 2014 onwards, year-wise?

National Dope Testing Laboratory

959. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has recently suspended the accreditation of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) which would be a massive blow to anti-doping movement in the country with less than a year left for Tokyo Olympics;

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

(c) whether Government has

constituted a committee to enquire into issues concerning prevalence of doping;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether doping scandal involving leading athletes will hit India's preparation for Olympics; and

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

National sports academies

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

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

(a) the number of national sports academies in Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is considering any proposal regarding promotion of sports activities or inclusion of sports activities in curriculum in Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, especially in naxalite areas of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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