

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Coal; 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

Initiatives to boost coal production

1441. SHRIMATI SAROJINI
HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COAL
be pleased to state:

(a) the various initiatives taken by
Government to boost domestic coal
production;

(b) whether Government has fixed any
target of coal production to boost economic
growth as well as to attract fresh
investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of coal imported last
year and details of the forex outflow?

Abolition of coal linkage Committees

1442. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will
the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a

proposal to abolish the coal linkage
Committees governing the distribution of
coal to the companies;

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

(c) the details of the method being
adopted by Government for allocation of
coal in the absence of coal linkage
Committees?

Exploration of non-CIL coal blocks

†1443. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the
Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked
out any plan for extensive exploration of
non-Coal India Limited (CIL) coal blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated in the
current financial year 2019-20 for the
same?

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Production and consumption of coal

1444. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and consumption of coal in the country during the last three years;

(b) the amount of coal imported from abroad, during the last three years, country-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to boost coal production in the country?

Production of non-coking coal

†1445. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of non-coking coal in the year 2019-20, as compared to the year 2018-19; and

(b) the details of necessary steps proposed to be taken to increase the production of non-coking coal in the country in the coming years?

Purchase of Defence equipments

1446. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government buys highest member of Defence equipments from USA and Israel;

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

(c) the other countries from which Defence equipments are bought?

Violations of the LoC by Pakistan

†1447. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Pakistan has violated the Line of Control (LoC) after the abrogation of the Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the details of action taken in retaliation to the actions of Pakistan and the number of Pakistani-posts destroyed by Indian Army?

Performance of HAL

1448. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite challenges, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has achieved significant growth in revenue and profits in 2017-18 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that HAL has recorded the highest ever turnover of ₹ 18,28,386 lakhs in 2017-18; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee for corporatisation of Ordnance Factory Board

1449. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee was formed in the post to advise for the corporation of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of ordnance factories and whether there is any plan for

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strategic tie-up between private sector and OFB;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether manufacture of the non-core items from OFB would be discontinued; and

(f) if so, whether any protest was made by the employees and if so, the response of Government thereon?

iDEX Scheme

1450. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) to defence manufacturing companies in the last three years;

(b) the number of new jobs created in the companies funded by iDEX, State-wise; and

(c) the details of all the new jobs created and the number of these which have been given to women?

Deputation of IOFS officers

1451. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large number of Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) officers are on deputation in other Government Organisations, if so, the details of such officers with time period of deputation, designation-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that such officers become a liability on IOFS as they served most of their time on deputation and if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken by Government for strengthening of IOFS during the last two years?

Airborne warning system

1452. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to keep the country safe, air defence system needs to be always in ready mode;

(b) whether Air Force has sufficient airborne warning system to detect approaching enemy aircraft; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Review of Defence Procurement Procedure

1453. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to review the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has constituted a committee to review the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP), 2016 and the Defence Procurement Manual, 2009; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Defence equipment developed by DRDO

1454. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of defence equipment developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

and other Indian institutions during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of the total number of defence export equipment that were indigenously produced during the said period; and

(c) the policies/schemes undertaken to encourage indigenous development of defence equipment in the country?

Power and responsibilities of CDS

†1455. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is mulling over appointment of “Chief of Defence Staff” (CDS);

(b) if so, the prospective role of CDS in the integration of Navy, Army and Air Force of India;

(c) the committees where CDS would be appointed; and

(d) whether CDS would also come in the ambit of 'Right to Information Act', if so, the details thereof?

Civilians working in the Ministry

1456. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a part of the defence budget is being utilised towards payments to civilians working under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of civilians presently employed under the Ministry?

Report on Chief of Defence Staff

1457. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to create the post of a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such a post being created; and

(d) whether any report in this regard has been submitted and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Coast Guard Academy in Kerala

1458. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposed coast guard academy in Azheekkal in Kerala;

(b) whether the final approval from concerned Departments are being obtained for starting the same;

(c) by when it is expected to start functioning; and

(d) the reason behind this delay?

Operational accidents involving naval vessels

1459. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of operational accidents involving naval vessels have been reported from various parts of the country during each of the last three years and current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with number of persons who

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died/ got injured in each of such accidents during said period;

(b) whether Government has provided adequate compensation to the injured/next of kin to the deceased in such accidents during said period;

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

(d) other steps taken by Government to keep a check on such accidents in future?

Phasing out of MIG Aircrafts

†1460. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to phase out ageing MIG aircrafts;

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

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

Security concerns relating to public access to cantonment roads

1461. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the security concerns raised by defence personnel and their families over unrestricted public access to cantonment roads;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government; and

(c) whether Government will give assurance that the security concerns raised by defence personnel and their families living in the cantonment will be addressed?

Measures to create synergy among defence services

1462. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS); and

(b) the details of other reforms Government is planning to create synergy, integration and further inter-service operational capabilities between the three defence services?

Allowing defence companies to self-certify quality

1463. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to allow defence firms to self-certify the quality of their products; and

(b) whether through this move, the role of the defence establishment Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) will be reduced?

Tejas-1 (LAH) and Tejas Mk2 (MWF) aircrafts

1464. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has successfully conducted tests of performances of Tejas-1 (LAH) and Tejas Mk2 (MWF);

(b) whether these fighter planes will be commissioned by 2020;

(c) if not, the probable date of

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commissioning and the reasons for delay thereof;

(d) whether there is any policy of manufacturing these LAH and MWF aircrafts at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Hyderabad also; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

'Make in India' in defence sector

†1465. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any initiative on 'Make-in-India' has been taken in defence sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas of defence production which have been benefited by the said initiative?

Scholarship for wards of deceased personnel

1466. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide scholarships to the wards of deceased defence personnel;

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

(c) whether Government has increased the amount of scholarships under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof, especially details in respect of scholarships granted to wards of deceased defence personnel of Rajasthan;

(e) whether Government has expanded

the scope of beneficiaries under the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Plan to shift DRDE to an alternative site

1467. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether *vide* notification dated 17.09.2005 under Section 3 of the Works of Defence Act, 1903, all constructions falling within 200 metres of Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior are to be demolished, including Jiwaji University, Head Quarters of Municipal Corporation, CID Office, Cricket Stadium, etc. which would cause losses of more than ₹ 9000 crore;

(b) whether there is any plan to shift DRDE to an alternative site to avoid such massive public inconvenience and if so, present status of the same; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to further reduce the notified area below 200m?

Ban on fire crackers

†1468. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a terrible menace of air pollution in many of the metropolitan cities including the National Capital of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken by Government to reduce air pollution; and

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(c) whether Government proposes to ban the manufacturing and selling of the gunpowder firecrackers completely across the country?

Severe pollution in Delhi

1469. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Supreme Court of India expressed its displeasure and deep concern over the manner in which the severe pollution in Delhi is being dealt with by Central Government and Government of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab wherein it also observed that it had resulted in deaths of the people in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken or proposes to take to deal with the concerns of the apex court?

Community Driven Environmentally Sustainable Village Programme

1470. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Community Driven Environmentally Sustainable Village Programme (CESVP);

(b) the number of projects taken up under the said programme;

(c) whether it has produced any positive impact; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment of forest land

1471. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that State Governments have been directed to summarily evict encroachers of forest land, if so, details thereof;

(b) quantum of forest land under encroachment;

(c) details of families evicted during the last three years, State-wise/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government has received representations to relax rules, as there is a human aspect to the problem and it is claimed that the land in question has been used for farming and the forest economy by indigenous communities for generations;

(e) whether Government is taking any steps to safeguard the livelihood of these communities;

(f) if so, details thereof; and

(g) if not, reasons therefor?

Forest fire in Nilgiri hills

1472. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Indian forests are vulnerable to fire accidents and number of incidents of forest fire reported during last three years;

(b) whether Government will take steps to control fires in forests using advanced technology;

(c) whether the Nilgiri hills forest is decreasing in size due to fire; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Change in land use

1473. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of compensation for change in land use from forest to otherwise;

(b) whether there is any mechanism to derive at the extent of loss due to change in land use and subsequent compensation therefor; and

(c) the area where there has been a change in land use from forest to otherwise that took place in 2015-16 to 2018-19?

Hazardous levels of polluted air

1474. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether India is one of the top polluted countries of the world;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government is aware that citizens are subjected to poor air quality and are inhaling very hazardous levels of polluted air in many metropolitan cities, especially in Delhi; and

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

Permission to cut trees

1475. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given permission to cut 1,09,75,844 trees in the last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the highest number of trees were felled in 2018-19;

(c) if so, the reasons for increased leniency in permission for felling of trees; and

(d) whether the rate of felling of trees is sustainable in the face of climate crisis engulfing India?

List of factories emitting toxic pollutants

1476. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the list of factories emitting toxic pollutants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any feedback from various stakeholders/groups to protect the States from the effects of pollution;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has given any instruction to State Governments to formulate schemes to stop pollution; and

(e) whether the State Governments have executed any plan or initiated any measures in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of data centres and cloud computing on the environment

1477. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the impact of data centres and cloud computing on the environment;
- (b) if so, steps being taken to reduce the damage caused to the environment; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is planning to do so in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of tigers

1478. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's efforts have yielded in increase in tiger population in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to develop a connectivity corridor between the habitations of tigers in India and neighbouring countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard so far;
- (e) whether Government is planning to repopulate the Buxa Tiger Reserve in Bengal by introducing tigers from Assam's Kaziranga National Park;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other significant steps taken by Government for conservation of tigers in the country?

Blue Flag certification for beaches

1479. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of criteria being followed to grant Blue Flag certifications and the significance and importance of such a certification;
- (b) the details of each of the twelve beaches selected by Government for Blue Flag certification in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh is also included in this; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Shifting of heavy industries

1480. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) actions taken by Government to shift the heavy industries/plants situated in the urban/residential areas/metro cities like Delhi to the Industrial areas outside these areas to check the worsening Air Quality Index (AQI) and water pollution; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Conversion of stubble into CNG

1481. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for conversion of stubble into Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), in collaboration with gas companies, in order to reduce pollution in the National Capital Delhi, as well as its adjoining States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the alternate arrangements being made by Government to reduce stubble burning, which increases air pollution to hazardous levels in the months of October and November?

Subsidy for CETP in Rajasthan

1482. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of the total project cost under "Policy Package for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, 2008" for water pollution at Pali Unit in Rajasthan for establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) was to be borne by the Ministry as a subsidy;

(b) whether Government intends to release the remaining amount for each CETP; and

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

National Clean Air Programme for small cities

1483. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the worsening air quality in cities with less than a million people;

(b) if so, whether Government has planned to expand the ambit of National Clean Air Programme to cities with less than a million people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Action taken to stop marine and air pollution

1484. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ocean and river water is contaminated which kills most of the marine life;

(b) whether smoke emission from vehicles is making breathing difficult for everyone and garbage thrown out openly is a serious health threat to every living being; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government to stop marine and vehicular pollution?

Use of plastic by e-commerce companies

1485. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to

ban single-use plastics used by the e-commerce companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to launch any scheme for recycling of waste generated by the e-commerce companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to check Air Quality Index

1486. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to check the severe Air Quality Index and air pollution in urban areas due to the burning of fossil fuels in heavy industries and plants; and

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

Ban on Manjha

1487. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal has banned the manufacturing and sale of Manjha in India alarmed by large number of accidental deaths during kite flying in festive seasons caused by use of synthetic kite strings (Manjha) coated with finely powdered glass;

(b) whether the illegal use of Manjha for flying kite invokes the Environment (Protection) Act, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Wildlife (Protection) Act for causing accidental deaths to birds; and

(c) whether despite several State Government banning the use of Manjha, there is no sustained endeavour to enforce the penal provisions under the said Acts?

Emission of Green House Gases

†1488. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decreasing Carbon in soil on account of the desertification of land due to soil erosion is becoming a leading cause of increase in emission of Green House Gases and climate change;

(b) whether the experts, while having deliberations on the report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have opined that the agriculture, forests and land use accounts for one third of total global emissions and deforestation leads to more emission of Green House Gases; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to nullify the ill-effects of land erosion by the year 2030?

Pollution due to stubble burning

†1489. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution has reached a very severe level in Delhi for want of timely action by Government, which led to closing down of schools;

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(b) the reasons behind increase in pollution in Delhi and whether burning of crop residue in neighbouring States is also one of the reasons for pollution;

(c) if so, steps taken by Government to prevent the burning of crop residue and the results thereof; and

(d) the details of plan formulated by Government so that people of Delhi do not have to face air pollution in future?

Ban on charcoal as fuel or raw material

1490. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not yet amended the notification on Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Guidelines, 2016 to check illegal cutting of trees for making charcoal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to ban the use of charcoal as fuel or raw material in industries across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Restrictions on use of Hookah

1491. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to examine the effect of hookah in respect of indoor air pollution and prescribe appropriate standards on the issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government lacks jurisdiction to restrain the use of hookah in restaurants and bars in the cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loss of wildlife due to floods

†1492. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wildlife had suffered a great loss on account of floods in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any special step for the protection of wildlife in future; and

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

Tiger corridors in country

1493. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tiger corridors in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware of the wild animals including tigers entering into villages and causing huge damage to human life thereby creating mess in the human habitations and also causing damage to crops and properties in the country;

(c) whether Government proposes to establish more tiger corridors in the country to curb the rising incidents of such conflicts; and

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

Illegal trafficking of Tigers

1494. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2,300 endangered Tigers have been killed and were illegally trafficked;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on an average more than 120 illegally trafficked Tigers are seized each year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reason for losing this fight?

Complete ban on single-use plastic in packaging

1495. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the large scale use of single-use plastic in packaging industry despite knowing that the material cannot be recycled and is hazardous to environment, human and animal life, especially when burnt;

(b) action Government proposes to take to ban use of plastic in packaging of liquid and food items by suggesting appropriate material; and

(c) whether top priority has been given to encourage research and development in identification of effective alternatives to plastics for use in packaging industry?

Declaration of global climatic emergency by scientists

1496. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the declaration by 11258 scientists from 153 countries including 69 from India, stating that untold sufferings are inevitable due to green house gas emissions and other factors related to climatic change and have called for global climatic emergency;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to bring out an action plan to restrict activities which ultimately lead to climate change?

Protection from hazards of air pollution

1497. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the nation-wide efforts undertaken by Central and State Governments to protect the poor, migrant labourers, informal sector workforce from hazards of air pollution and to provide them better with quality of life;

(b) the alternatives available to such people as these sections are excluded from market products; and

(c) whether there is any plan of intervention in this regard by Government?

Measurement of air pollution

†1498. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of remedial measures taken regarding degradation of environment due to air pollution in the cities; and

(b) the year from which measurement of level of air pollution was introduced in Delhi and the major reasons and the outcome of effective steps taken towards prevention thereof?

Promoting plantation on private land

†1499. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plan to promote plantation by States on private lands along with details of the amount of assistance given in this regard, State-wise, including the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the details of special scheme for promotion of bamboo plantation in the country and the amount of assistance given to Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

Deaths due to severe air pollution

1500. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in some States level of air pollution has created emergency like situation;

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

(c) whether more than five lakh people have died in India due to air pollution in 2016 as per the recent Lancet Countdown Report, 2019; and

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

Critical Vulnerable Coastal Areas

1501. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has categorized Coringa East Godavari and Krishna in Andhra Pradesh as Critical Vulnerable Coastal Areas (CVCA) in its Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of steps taken to protect Coringa East Godavari and Krishna in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) details of funds allocated for this purpose?

Loss of employment due to ban on single use plastic

1502. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data on employment created by single-use plastic manufacturing industry;

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

(c) if not, whether Government is planning to collect the said data;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, the data would be collected

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a large number of people will loose employment with the gradual ban of single-use plastic?

Prevention of poaching

1503. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of poaching in some States are increasing, if so, the details of the last three years;

(b) steps taken by Government to prevent incidents of poaching; and

(c) whether Government proposes to strengthen the vigilance system to monitor incidents of poaching, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of trees

1504. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS
(RETD.):

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

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to safeguard trees that have been planted across the country;

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

(c) the total amount spent for the purpose, so far?

Death of birds near Sambhar lake

1505. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that thousands of birds of several species were found dead under mysterious circumstances near the Sambhar lake in the Dudu district near Jaipur in November, 2019;

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

(c) whether Government has investigated the exact reasons for these deaths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Importance of forest cover for environment

1506. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forest cover is essential for healthy environment;

(b) whether forest cover has increased or decreased during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise?

Ban on plastic manufacturing units

†1507. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) the number of plastic manufacturing factories in the country and whether Government has banned plastic manufacturing in these factories from 2nd October, 2019 onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has banned the use of plastic in many products such as chips, kurkure, namkeen, maggi, etc. produced by multinational companies; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Issuance of notification for ban on RO

1508. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal has been persistently demanding the immediate issuance of notification pertaining to the prohibition on the use of Reverse Osmosis (RO) systems which results in wastage of almost 80 per cent of the water;

(b) whether the NGT order issued in May this year mentions that wherever RO has to be permitted, the condition of recovery of water to the extent of more than 60 per cent is required; and

(c) whether the NGT has given the deadline of 31st December, 2019 for issue of notification by Government?

Capacity building of CPSEs

1509. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken by Government

over the last three years for capacity building of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs);

(b) the details of outstanding debt of CPSEs over the last three years, if any;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for revival or restructuring of distressed CPSEs, if any; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electric public transport Infrastructure

1510. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased state:

(a) whether Government has been taking any steps to curb pollution by promoting electric public transport infrastructure in Delhi-NCR areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the timeline of such projects and budgetary allocation for the same?

Promotion to manufacturing of electric vehicles

1511. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: DR. AMEE YAJNIK: SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote the manufacturing of electric vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of electric vehicles sold during the last two years;

(d) whether Government is providing any subsidy to the consumers to purchase electric vehicles in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Employment of apprentices in CPSUs

1512. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) are employing apprentices who successfully complete training within the establishment;

(b) if so, the number of such apprentices employed in each CPSUs during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether those who have completed apprenticeship in various CPSUs are being provided any job reservation in the respective PSUs?

Scheme to promote hybrid/electric technology

1513. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any scheme to promote hybrid/electric technology in transportation so as to reduce dependency on fossil fuel;

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

(c) the details regarding various components of such scheme; and

(d) the details regarding progress made and objectives achieved during the last two years?

Supply chain for critical components of EVs

1514. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian supply chain for critical power train components of Electric Vehicles (EVs) will come up only if there are enough such vehicles on the road;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the industry body Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) has said that Government should give more thrust on e-mobility under the smart city project which is currently missing; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering the proposal of SMEV?

Precautionary measures on fake news

1515. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any precautionary measures on fake news being published in various newspapers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Mann ki Baat

1516. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to introduce and broadcast 'Mann ki Baat' concerning Chief Ministers of different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Target achievement of MIDP

†1517. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Media Infrastructure Development Programme (MIDP) is operated by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target fixed for year 2018-19 has been accomplished;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action against paid news

1518. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any action to tackle the paid news which is a huge media crisis in today's media world; and

(b) action taken by Government for the freedom of press and to make them more independent and politically neutral, if not, the reasons therefor to check this huge media crisis?

UN study on impact of SBM

1519. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a United Nations (UN) study, impact of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), in reducing open defecation is highly satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof, during 2014 to 2019, State-wise;

(c) whether Government would continue SBM with the same speed and spirit;

(d) if so, the details of the further plans; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ganga Data Collector application

1520. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a mobile application, namely, "Ganga Data Collector", under the Biodiversity and Ganga Conservation Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the funds sanctioned and utilised by Government for the same;

(c) number of 'Ganga Prahris' and staff of the forest departments of the States concerned trained to collect data using the application;

(d) whether similar mobile applications are proposed to be used in the physio-chemical tests of other rivers in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds under SBM (G)

†1521. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM) (G) during the last one year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has released first installment of the Central assistance for the year 2018-19;

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(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when this fund is expected to be released;

(d) the details of the current progress of SBM (G); and

(e) whether Government has issued any guidelines to States for its improvement and if so, the details thereof?

Damage caused by Farakka Barrage

†1522. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making any effort to deal with the damage caused due to Farakka Barrage in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for Mission Bhagiratha

1523. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation along with Detailed Project Report (DPR) from Telangana Government requesting for sanction of around ₹35,000 crores to its prestigious water grid flagship programme "Mission Bhagiratha", if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any action on the request, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has consented for the financial assistance, if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in Polavaram Project

1524. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee set up by Andhra Pradesh Government to look into the irregularities in Polavaram Project has submitted its Report which indicated that a benefit of ₹ 2,343.85 crores have been additionally given benefit to Transtrai and others;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee came to the conclusion that ₹ 787 crores paid to Navayuga company for Polavaram power project violating the rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

Declaration of ODF

†1525. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States, districts and villages declared 'Open Defecation Free' in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that people are still found defecating near the railway tracks and slums in Delhi; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the people of the States, districts, villages declared 'Open Defecation Free' are still compelled to defecate in the open due to construction of poor-quality toilets?

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Access to safe drinking water for all rural households

1526. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the target date for completion of National Rural Drinking Water Programme along with the reasons for the slow pace of its implementation specially in drought affected district of Latur in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) whether certain States have not framed and submitted water security plans so far and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the new steps taken by Government for ensuring access to safe drinking water to all rural habitations, Government schools and aanganwadis in the country?

Additional allocation of funds under NWQSM

1527. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State of Rajasthan is suffering from high levels of Fluoride, Salinity and Nitrates in ground water;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to provide additional allocation of funds under National Water Quality Sub Mission (NWQSM) for projects that will enable the State to complete the ongoing projects and to achieve last mile connectivity in particular areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ground water exploitation in Haryana

1528. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 61 per cent of the total number of assessed units of ground water in Haryana were found to be over exploited; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to correct this issue in Haryana?

Water management in economic development

1529. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether water management has a special role in the economic development of the nation;

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

(c) whether re-cycling of water is necessary for increasing the availability of water and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the percentage of polluted water that can be recycled for use out of the total quantum of polluted water being generated in the country?

Aspirational Districts Programmes

†1530. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) funds spent on the provision of drinking water and toilets under 'Aspirational Districts Programme';

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(b) the number of households that are being supplied with tap water and have toilet facilities in the said districts, the details thereof along with the situation prior to the introduction of the scheme thereof; and

(c) the volume of drinking water being provided to each household in the said districts?

Flooding of Sardar Sarovar Dam

1531. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for allowing the Sardar Sarovar Dam to fill to such a level that over 4000 families had to be evacuated in October, 2019; and

(b) steps taken by Government to rehabilitate these families?

Allocation of funds under NRDWP

1532. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the aims and objectives of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and released by Government under the said programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes a scheme/programme to ensure drinking water to all by the year 2024 across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with

the present status of such scheme/programme; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Awareness campaign for cleaning Ganga

1533. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details for the various initiatives carried by Government in order to restore Ganga's 'Aviralta' and 'Nirmalta' during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has launched a unique open-water rafting and kayaking expedition on the river Ganga to create awareness on Ganga rejuvenation and water conservation recently, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the various awareness exercises along the expedition carried out by the team;

(d) whether Government is successful in popularizing the said awareness campaign; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government in this regard to create awareness among people?

Setting up of desalinisation plants

1534. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to promote desalinisation of water in States where ever possible;

(b) the States which can be benefitted from desalinisation;

(c) the cost of setting up of a desalinisation plant; and

(d) the assistance required, if any, from any other country for setting up of desalinisation plants?

Deadline for cleaning of river Ganga

1535. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deadline for cleaning up the river Ganga has been revised the second time from 2019 to 2020 and finally to 2021; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay and extension thereof?

Implementation of JSA

1536. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) has been implemented all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of targets set under the scheme and present stage of implementation of the scheme?

Contamination of heavy metals in drinking water

1537. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of permissible limits of arsenic, fluoride, mercury and other heavy metals in drinking water as per the international norms;

(b) the details of the level of contamination of heavy metals in drinking

water in the country, State-wise and metal-wise;

(c) whether there is any decrease or increase in contamination level of heavy metals in drinking water since last five years; and

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

Clean Ganga drive

†1538. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the targeted progress is not being achieved under clean Ganga drive which aims at the rejuvenation of Ganga and other rivers;

(b) if so, the reasons which are hampering the revival of rivers; and

(c) the regions where river Ganga becomes more polluted and the steps taken to clean up the wastes of rivers in those regions along with the details thereof?

Compensation to families displaced by construction of dams

1539. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families displaced by construction of dams, State-wise;

(b) the number of people who are eligible for compensation under various Tribunals and Supreme Court orders who

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have been displaced due to the construction of dams, State-wise; and

(c) the total number of people eligible for compensation and those who have been granted the same?

Piped water supply to rural households

1540. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in consultation with States has evolved a roadmap for rolling out Jal Jeevan Mission aimed at providing piped water supply to more than 18 crore rural households while generating 12 lakh jobs;

(b) whether States have been asked to work on a three-pronged plan including retrofitting and identifying a surface water or underground source for ready connectivity and also working on long gestation projects like in Bundelkhand; and

(c) whether Government has proposed levying a nominal user charge, capped at 10 per cent of piping spend to inculcate a feeling of involvement of the user in a public-ownership project?

Water scarcity in Tamil Nadu

1541. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States and districts that have faced water scarcity in the year 2018-19;

(b) the efforts made by Government to ensure that water scarcity does not arise again in the State of Tamil Nadu post the scarcity in the city of Chennai in 2019; and

(c) how the proposed amendment to the inter-State river water dispute for the

year 2019, will resolve existing water sharing disputes?

Re-tendering for Polavaram Project Works

1542. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken up re-tendering for entire balance works of Polavaram National Project;

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

(c) whether Government considers it necessary to prepare Revised Cost Estimates for Polavaram Works consequent upon this re-tendering process;

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to curtail the delay in execution of project due to this re-tendering process; and

(e) the estimated date of completion of the project in its full shape?

National Mission for Clean Ganga

1543. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) status of the National Mission for Clean Ganga;

(b) the percentage reduction in the pollution levels of the river Ganga; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken?

Rainwater harvesting in new constructions

1544. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

regulations requiring installation of rainwater harvesting plants in new constructions are not being followed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the plans to ensure adherence to these regulations?

Long-term loan to Maharashtra for irrigation projects

1545. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has sent any proposal to borrow a long-term loan of ₹15,000 crore to complete 52 ongoing irrigation projects, which will create 28.70 lakh hectares of additional irrigation capacity;

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

(c) the details of financial assistance provided to Maharashtra State by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) during the last three years under various schemes?

Status of Mahanadi Tribunal on inter-State water dispute

1546. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the progress made by Mahanadi Tribunal in resolving the inter-State water dispute relating to Mahanadi river between Odisha and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the role of Government in this matter and the views placed by it before the Tribunal;

(c) the reasons for the delay in coming to a final decision for the resolution of this dispute by the Tribunal; and

(d) whether the Central Government is providing full support to the Mahanadi Tribunal for facilitating its activities?

Setting up NWM for water conservation

1547. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up National Water Mission towards water conservation, augmentation and preservation of water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) present demand and supply of surface and ground water in the country and the future trend report and availability for next 50 years therefor?

Manufacturing orders received by MSMEs

1548. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the details of average rate, in percentage and number, of manufacturing orders received by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units in India during the last four years, State-wise?

Schemes run by Government to encourage MSMEs

†1549. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the details of schemes currently being

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run by Government to encourage Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and to make their products globally recognized and the number of entrepreneurs who would be benefited by these schemes?

Amendments to MSME Development Act

1550. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to end difference between the manufacturing and services sector and amend the provisions of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act to do away with the current system of classifying units based on the capital deployed in plant and machinery and to make turnover of units as basis for classification; and

(b) if so, the reasons for replacement of investment based system and amendment of current system of classification and the details of the new proposed system of classification of units and provisions to end the difference between the manufacturing and the services sector?

Launching of Bharat craft

1551. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to launch Bharat Craft, an e-commerce portal, on the lines of Alibaba and Amazon, if so, details and objective thereof behind the move;

(b) whether this e-commerce portal will provide a platform for MSMEs to market

and sell their products and boost sector, if so, details thereof;

(c) details regarding potential of this portal in terms of revenue generation in coming years;

(d) number of days likely to be cut down after usage of portal for orders to be delivered; and

(e) other steps proposed by Government to make this portal competitive with three big players?

Competitive advantage of SMEs in global market

1552. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) engaged in developing countries, normally produce traditional items of inferior quality accompanied with low productivity and they mainly cater to the small local markets and that an accelerated technical change for making the SMEs to establish a competitive advantage in the global market is difficult; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

MSME units associated with auto industry

†1553. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) units associated with auto industry are going through a period of great crisis;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a substantial number of labourers working in these industries are on the brink of starvation;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to help these labourers get over this crisis?

Participation of the transgender community in MSMEs

1554. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government collects data separately on industries owned by transgenders;

(b) if not, whether Government proposes to take steps to collect the same;

(c) if so, the data for the years 2016-19 separately on the number of industries owned by transgenders; and

(d) whether Government proposes to make schemes aimed at an increased participation from the transgender community?

Closure of MSME units

†1555. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

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

of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been closed due to the downfall in the demand of the small and medium parts;

(b) the details of the production from small and medium parts in the MSMEs during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether people have lost their jobs due to closure of MSMEs on a large scale because of the downfall in the demand of the small and medium parts; and

(d) if so, the real status thereof?

Enhancement of rate of royalty of mining in Odisha

1556. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government will revise the rate of royalty on Iron ore, Chromite etc. for Odisha, which was last revised more than five years ago on 1st September, 2014;

(b) by when Government will agree to the demand of State Government of Odisha to enhance rate of royalty from present 15 per cent to 20 per cent; and

(c) the reasons as to why study group constituted by Government suggests reduction in rate of royalty by 10 per cent in case of auctioned blocks, though the premiums offered by the bidders justify enhancement in rate of royalty?

Detection of illegal mining using mining surveillance system

1557. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of illegal mining detected using the mining surveillance system, State-wise;

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(b) the course of action adopted post detection of illegal mining in each case;

(c) whether Government is planning to take any steps to further curb illegal mining; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Mineral Policy

1558. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the key features of the newly implemented National Mineral Policy to ensure environmentally and socially responsible mining infrastructure across the country which also ensures 200 per cent increase in the production of major minerals in the country; and

(b) the progress made under this policy so far?

Discrimination during renting of properties

1559. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of several instances of discrimination and prejudice faced by the minority community members at the time of looking out for rental properties;

(b) whether any investigation or survey has been ordered into the grievous matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, reasons therefor; and

(e) measures undertaken to address the issue?

Pending payments to co-terminus employees

1560. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending with the Ministry sent by National Commission for Minorities regarding payment to its co-terminus employees from 2009—2016;

(b) whether representations from some Members of Parliament have been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the present status of these cases?

Financial assistance to minority students

1561. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing any assistance to students of minority community under the 'Nai Udaan' Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is providing any financial assistance to students of minority community who are preparing for examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission and other such organisations and if not, the reasons therefor?

Multi-sectoral Development Programme

1562. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of blocks and towns identified

in Andhra Pradesh for implementation of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), district-wise;

(b) programmes/schemes under MsDP which have been implemented, block and town-wise;

(c) physical targets set and achieved under MsDP since its implementation, year-wise, block and town-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that physical targets have not been achieved during the last 3-4 years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Status of Bharatmala Project

1563. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharatmala Project is languishing since its implementation;

(b) if not, the status of implementation of Bharatmala Project, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of physical targets set and achieved so far, project-wise; and

(d) the manner in which Ministry is going to achieve the targets by FY 2020-21?

Challenges in improving NHs

1564. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the major challenge Government is

facing in its attempt to improve National Highways;

(b) whether the cost for brace wall in hilly areas been included in Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of approved road project, to stabilise the highway, if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the present approved period in the contract package for the contractors in India to be responsible for free maintenance of roads built by them?

Advisory for safety of heavy goods vehicles and trailers

†1565. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments to overcome the shortcomings in connection with the safety of heavy goods vehicles and trailers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any provision of monitoring has been made by Government to ensure the compliance of advisory issued to the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of road development projects in Chhattisgarh

†1566. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many road development projects are running behind the schedule or have been abandoned in Chhattisgarh;

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

(c) the steps taken for the speedy completion of these projects;

(d) whether any lapse has come to the notice of Government on the part of Government agencies associated with the construction and development of road development projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Highways/roadways construction projects

1567. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the highways/roadways construction projects undertaken by Government in the country in last five years, length-wise, lane-wise and expenditure-wise;

(b) whether Government is considering proposals for improving the condition of the roads and highways in the North Eastern Region, if so, the details of action taken in this regard including projects sanctioned and expenditure incurred; and

(c) whether Government is undertaking any cross-border projects in the North East of further integrate the region with neighbouring countries and boost trade and development and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of non-motorised vehicle transport

1568. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government is taking any action to cut down vehicular emissions by promoting the use of non-motorised vehicle transport like e-vehicles, bicycles, e-bikes, etc. all over the country particularly in metro cities at mass level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Four lane road from Srinagar to Baramulla

1569. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a four lane road from Srinagar to Baramulla Kupwara in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reason as to why the work has not yet started; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the project?

Accident prone stretches on NHs

1570. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified accident prone stretches on the National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether National Highways Ambulance Service has been introduced along with setting up of the Trauma Centres on those stretches for providing emergency medical facilities, including the accountability of toll plaza?

Pedestrian deaths in road accidents

1571. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of pedestrians killed in road accidents has increased in the country;

(b) if so, the details/number thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to prevent such cases of pedestrian deaths on roads in the country?

Ban on internal combustion engine powered vehicles

1572. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government did not intend to ban internal combustion engine powered vehicles;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would promote the use of alternative fuels and electric vehicles to tackle issues of high crude oil import bill and pollution;

(c) whether it is also a fact that earlier Government had advised car makers to move to electric vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of FAME India scheme

1573. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electric vehicles sold since the launch of Faster Adoption of Electric (and Hybrid) Vehicles in India (FAME India) scheme in 2015 till the end of phase-1 of the scheme in March 2017;

(b) whether Government maintains a State-wise performance data of the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of electric vehicles purchased by Government during the years 2014-17 under the scheme?

Status of road projects by NHAI

1574. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is facing acute shortage of funds for ongoing/new road projects;

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

(c) whether Prime Minister Office (PMO) has given any written advice to NHAI/Ministry as regards construction of new roads; and

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

Proposal for identifying road accident prone areas

1575. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is identifying

the road accident prone areas/black spots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether the World Bank funding is involved in this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures taken to tackle road accidents under the MV (Amendment) Act

1576. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fatal road accidents have increased in the previous three years;

(b) if so, the measures taken to tackle this issue under the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act along with relevant data for the previous three years; and

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

Construction of NHs under Bharatmala project

†1577. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target of construction/upgradation of 35,000 kilometers of National Highways by 2022 has been fixed under the Bharatmala Project;

(b) whether Government has completed the work of identification of those highways which would be included under this scheme; and

(c) whether those States would be given priority under Bharatmala Project where

the availability of highways is quite less than the national average in proportion to the population density?

Road accidents due to potholes

1578. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to potholes on National Highways (NHs), number of road accidents have increased and many lives were lost and many people were injured during the last one year;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any immediate measures for repairing potholes;

(d) details of budgetary allocation for repair and maintenance of National Highways during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise;

(e) whether measures have been taken by Government to hold civic authorities accountable for faulty road design and engineering and poor maintenance of roads; and

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

Fourlaning project of NH-45C

1579. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

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

(a) whether four laning project of NH-45C from Sethiyahopu to Cholopuram section in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu

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including bypass for Pinnalur-cum Sethiyahopu from km. 66.000 to Km. 74.650, passing through Pinnalur-II village is underway;

(b) whether it is a fact that supplementary award for multiplication factor varying from 1.25 to 2 for rural areas, pursuant to the Gazette Notification of Government of Tamil Nadu dated 21.09.2017, has not been paid to Pinnalur-II landowners; and

(c) whether Government has set a time-frame for paying this supplementary award to landowners with due interest?

Data on causes of road accidents

1580. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a data on accidents caused by potholes, dug roads, non-working signal lights, encroached footpaths, etc.

(b) if so, the details of such accidents for the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the details of deaths caused by such accidents for the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) if not, reasons for not collecting such data, especially when traffic violation fines are so high, and whether Government has ensured accountability?

Samruddhi Mahamarg

1581. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the percentage of total funds Government is spending for the construction of Samruddhi Mahamarg?

Division of APSRTC consequent to A.P. Reorganization

1582. 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 the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) was not divided even after six years of bifurcation of the State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Central Government has its stake in APSRTC, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) was formed with the consent of Central Government; and

(d) whether State Governments of Andhra Pradesh or Telangana can independently take a decision to wind up or merge the Road Transport Corporation (RTC) with their Government without the consent of Central Government?

Circle rate for land acquisition for the NHAI

1583. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high circle rates and varying norms for fixing the rate based on the size of land parcels have made it difficult for the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to acquire land for expansion of existing highways in many States;

(b) whether Government has requested the concerned States to rationalise the circle rates and have one circle rate for one region; and

(c) if so, the response of the concerned States in this regard?

Road accidents and changes under MV Act

1584. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents which occurred in the country;

(b) whether enhanced fines have radically changed the number of accidents; and

(c) whether Government is of the opinion that the infrastructure in the form of roads, traffic signals, signs for pedestrians and motorists meet the requirements according to Section 198(A) of Motor Vehicles Act?

Status of Highway projects in West Bengal

1585. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going road projects undertaken by Government in West Bengal at present;

(b) the status of each project;

(c) the status of other road projects in West Bengal, sanctioned and lying pending; and

(d) by when such projects are likely to be executed?

Increase in number of seafarers

1586. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focusing on increase in number of Indian seafarers;

(b) if so, details of steps being taken; and

(c) the number of Indian seafarers during the last three years?

Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route

1587. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:

Will the Minister of SHIPPPING be pleased to state:

(a) names of ports and harbours under Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route pertaining to India and Bangladesh;

(b) whether Port of Chittagong and Mongla are included in the said route; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to improve the inter-port trade connectivity between India and Bangladesh ports under the aforesaid route?

Cargo transportation through Inland Waterways

1588. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of SHIPPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cargo transportation through inland waterways, specifically as a percentage of total inland traffic during the last five years;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and utilized for the development of inland waterways in the last five years;

(c) the details of capacity utilization at major and non-major ports, including details of traffic handled, across India during the said period; and

(d) the fiscal and other incentives, if any, provided by Government to promote the usage of inland waterways?

Accident mitigation at major ports

1589. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed a standard operating procedure for all ports in the country to deal with oil spills and other accidents that can damage the marine ecology surrounding the ports; and

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

Tariff Authority for major ports

1590. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to bring private ports under the Tariff Authority for major ports;

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

(c) whether the major ports are losing business to private ports due to predatory pricing;

(d) if so, the steps taken to create a regulatory framework of pricing for private ports; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of ports in Andhra Pradesh

1591. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the development of ports in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has proposed to develop specifically two ports in the State, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ramayapatnam port in Nellore district is also included in the proposals, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the present status of the proposal and the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for early implementation of the proposals?

DPR for developing National Waterway-5

1592. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for developing National Waterway-5 has been prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vijayawada to Muktyala portion of National Waterways No. 4

1593. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the dredging from Vijayawada to Muktyala portion of National Waterways No. 4 as per schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also completed the establishment of four floating terminals of National Waterways No. 4, including the one at Vedadri and Amravati; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for equity in Kerala Waterways and Infrastructure Limited

1594. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for taking up 49 per cent equity in the Kerala Waterways and Infrastructure Limited, is still under consideration;

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

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in taking decision in this regard?

Development of IWT in Tamil Nadu

1595. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to develop Inland Water Transport (IWT) in Tamiraparani river in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing tonnage capacity of shipping industry

1596. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the tonnage capacity of Indian shipping industry;

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

(c) the tonnage capacity of the shipping industry in the country during the last three years?

Grants to NGOs in Konkan region

†1597. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grants are being given to the NGOs situated in the districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra for encouragement of sports and development of youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the districts where those NGOs were given grants in the Konkan region along with the amount of such grants given in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years?

Sports events for women

1598. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to promote sports events for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the total funds allocated/released for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Proposals from Chhattisgarh

†1599. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry from Chhattisgarh Government for development works during last three years along with details of funds and the actions taken thereon, scheme-wise;

(b) the reasons for pendency of proposals received from the State Government;

(c) whether any timeline has been fixed for the disposal of the said proposals;

(d) whether excessive delay in clearing proposals hampers the development work and the manner in which the cost overrun is adjusted; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Residential coaching programmes

1600. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government conducts residential coaching programmes for all categories of sports for players from age group of ten years and above;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the initiatives taken by Government;

(c) the number of coaching programmes that have been conducted in North Eastern Region and the eligibility criteria thereof;

(d) the procedure of training and study programmes for the residential players; and

(e) the vacancies in training centres, age-wise and category-wise and proposal of Government to search talented players for making them experts?

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