

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, February 4, 2019/Magha 15, 1940 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 153

Blast at Central Ammunition Depot at Pulgaon

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

(a) whether any investigation has been undertaken of ordnance factories on quality and safety of ammunition produced thereon;

(b) if so, details thereof and action taken thereon and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether recent blast at Central Ammunition Depot, Pulgaon was caused due to substandard ammunition manufactured at Ordnance Factory Board, Khamaria, if so, details thereof;

(d) details of incidents of accident or technical fault found With ordnances manufactured at Khamaria, along with details of investigation and action taken in last three years; and

(e) the reason why factory continues to manufacture ammunition despite serious

evidence of having produced substandard ammunition past leading to accidents?

Purchase of bulletproof jackets for soldiers

†2. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has purchased bulletproof jackets for the soldiers; and

(b) if so, the number of bulletproof jackets purchased and the expenditure incurred by Government in this regard?

FDI in defence industries

3. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that defence industries have attracted USD 10,000 (about Rupees Seven Lakh) only as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2017-18?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Honey-trapping in armed forces

†4. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of Honey-trap for spying purpose is continuously increasing in armed forces;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any preventive measures in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and details of steps taken by Government to stop this?

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to promote self-reliance in Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of such measures on cost savings; and

(d) the challenges faced by the Defence sector in attracting private and public sector entities for IPRs?

Air Force rescue operation during Kerala floods

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the Indian Air Force has asked for ₹ 25 crore from the State Government of Kerala as the payment for facilities provided for air lifting and rescue operations during floods in Kerala;

(b) reasons for armed forces charging such amount for the services they are bound to provide for the citizens during emergency situations;

(c) whether Government will initiate measures to avoid such action by the Armed Forces in the future; and

(d) whether Army and Navy are also going to demand expenses for rescue operations they had done in Kerala?

Promoting Intellectual Property Rights in Defence

6. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

Reduction in number of armed forces personnel

7. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a reduction in the number of armed forces personnel;

(b) if so, the number of armed forces personnel reduced in the three wings of armed forces during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for reducing the number of armed forces personnel?

Report of Shekatkar Committee

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

(a) whether the committee of experts headed by retired Lt. General D.B. Shekatkar, which was appointed to look into certain aspects to enhance combat capability and rebalance expenditure, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations of the committee?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Status of payments to HAL

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been adversely affected on account of stoppage of due payments of ₹ 15,700 crore by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that huge amount of arrears of payment of other contractors is outstanding and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific reasons for not clearing their dues and by when these are likely to be cleared?

Increase in the prices of Rafale Aircrafts

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of the Rafale Aircrafts were increased by 41.42 per cent each owing to a deal that bypassed mandatory procedures;

(b) if so, the reasons for the increase in the prices of the aircrafts;

(c) the details of the 'Design and Development' costs that will be incurred for the Rafale Aircrafts;

(d) whether this increase in the prices was approved by Defence Acquisition Council then; and

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

Fluoride contamination in drinking water

11. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has collated data about the high Fluoride levels in drinking water in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken for Fluoride removal from hand pumped drinking water in the rural areas; and

(c) details of efforts taken by the National Programme of Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF) to aid patients of Fluoride poisoning?

Supply of clean drinking water to SCs, and STs areas

12. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for supply of clean drinking water to the areas dominated by SCs and STs in the country;

(b) the details of percentage of work completed for the projects under above schemes and the estimated time required to complete them; and

(c) the details of quantum of amount allocated/released and utilised under drinking water schemes during the last three years, State-wise?

Swachhata champions under the SBM(G)

13. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Swachhata champions who are active promoters of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM-(G)], State/UT-wise;

(b) whether these Swachhata champions are being paid in any form, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of areas which are now Open Defecation Free (ODF), State/UT/ District/City/Town/Village-wise in comparison to the actual number of districts/ cities/towns/villages; and

(d) the details regarding the various schemes under SBM alongwith expenses incurred on these schemes, Quarter-wise?

released in January 2019, open defecation has remained unchanged between 2014 and 2018;

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

(c) whether 44 per cent people in Open Defecation Free States, still continue to defecate in open as per the study report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of Government thereto?

Action plan for safe drinking water

14. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action plan in coordination with the State Governments which has been prepared or is under process to provide safe drinking water in order to meet demand of rising population of the country;

(b) the quantum of fund that will be allocated in this regard;

(c) the quantum of fund allocated to State Governments in this regard during the last three years till date; and

(d) whether the Ministry has approached or is in the process of issuing directives or advisory to all State Governments for preparing action plan for strategic reserve of water resources for drinking water?

Study report on ODF States

15. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent study report

Access to safe and affordable drinking water

16. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);

(b) the concrete measures to substantially increase wateruse efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater; and

(c) whether Government proposes to improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimising release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally?

Arsenic contamination in ground water

17. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people in

various parts of the country are struggling with grave and fatal diseases owing to heavy presence of Arsenic in ground water;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any research in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government to address such incidents in the country?

Tap water connection for rural households

18. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that nearly 81 per cent of rural households have not been provided with tap water connections;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will formulate a robust and comprehensive plan to bring more and more rural households under tap connection net;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Drinking water in rural areas

†19. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many families in rural areas do not have access to adequate drinking water supply;

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

(c) whether Government is planning to supply adequate drinking water to every family in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken by Government to provide clean drinking water to every family in all States along with Chhattisgarh?

Data on drinking water availability

20. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to collect standardised data on drinking water availability;

(b) whether Government plans to introduce a mission mode programme for drinking water as done for sanitation programmes in 2014; and

(c) details of the programmes and schemes in place for the purpose of promoting importance of safe drinking water as a public health concern and not just as a basic necessity and for spreading awareness about the kind of diseases that arise out of non-availability of potable water, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

Cyclone Warning Centres in coastal States

21. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has set up Cyclone Warning Centres in coastal States of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of States likely to be benefited out of these Centres?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Proposal to buy aircraft for meteorological issues

22. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to buy aircraft to study impact of air pollution on the meteorological issues of the country;

(b) if so, whether the special plane will cover entire weather forecast and pollution level across the country ;

(c) the cost of the project and whether the airborne research will also control the air pollutants therein; and

(d) details of project and its project liability costs and the budget sanctioned thereof?

Impact of heatwaves

23. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in heatwaves in the country over the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reason for the increase in number of heatwaves;

(c) details of mechanism used by the Ministry to track heatwaves and changes in temperature that would be classified as a heatwave; and

(d) the effects of heatwaves on labour productivity, public health and disaster events?

Cloud seeding

24. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cloud seeding does not initiate rain but augments the volume, if it rains naturally, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether cloud testing will be effective in large polluted regions like the Indo-Gangetic plain, since the concentrations of pollutants are built up again in a third of an hour of the exile of the airborne pollutants;

(c) whether the models of cloud and precipitation formation are valid for regions with higher water-vapour concentration; and

(d) if so, whether it is suitable to be performed in New Delhi?

Seismic Microzonation

25. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted Seismic Microzonation of various cities across the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to conduct Seismic Microzonation in other cities as well, including cities of West Bengal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of agencies/institutions included in the list of Expression of Interest for Seismic Microzonation in various cities;

(e) the results of the bidding for the tender of Seismic Microzonation of various cities; and

(f) the allocation made by Government for Seismic Microzonation during last three years?

**Weather forecasting by India
Meteorological Department**

26. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department (IMD) provides block-wise data, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the IMD has adequate number of radars for collecting precipitation data at the wider and vertical levels in the atmosphere;

(c) whether the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting had asked the Ministry of Earth Sciences for 20 more scientists, if so, whether they have been provided and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Centre of Excellence in Climate Modelling has been launched, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cutting of trees

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

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal has levied any fine against those who are cutting trees;

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

(c) the number of trees alleged to have been cut for the rehabilitation work in

Government colonies in Delhi and details thereof, colony-wise; and

(d) whether any action is being taken against the officers of Government organisations in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Green Cover Ratio in Urban Settings

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

(a) the ratio of total land under vegetative cover to the concrete infrastructure such as roads, buildings, bridges, tracks, etc. in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata;

(b) whether there exists any regulation for maintaining a set ratio between the two in urban areas;

(c) if so, whether the given ratio is accurately maintained in the aforementioned cities; and

(d) if not, whether Government plans to come up with any such regulation regarding a specific ratio of vegetation cover in urban areas as a mandatory provision?

**Awareness campaign for checking
pollution**

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

(a) whether awareness campaigns were/ are being conducted for checking pollution in rivers, dying marine ecosystems and degradation of environment in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) measures being taken towards reducing water pollution of rivers especially in urban areas?

(d) if so, the reasons as to why not even a single beach from Visakhapatnam has been included in the list?

Online monitoring and inspection of polluting units

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

(a) whether it is a fact that monitoring and inspection of pollution spreading industrial units are done online;

(b) if so, the method of working of this system and the way it identifies the spread of pollution; and

(c) the number of industrial units which have been identified through this system so far and the ways these industrial units were found spreading pollution?

Blue Flag Certification for beaches

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

(a) details of each of the thirty-three environment and tourism-related conditions for a beach to get Blue Flag Certification;

(b) whether it is a fact that only Chandrabhaga beach on Konark in Odisha has got Green Flag Certification in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Society for Integrated Coastal Management (SICM) is working on twelve more beaches in getting Blue Flag Certification; and

Forest villages in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) the number of forest villages in the country, including Chhattisgarh, State-wise;

(b) the details of criteria for declaring a village as forest village;

(c) the details of developmental works being done by Government in these forest villages; and

(d) the quantum of fund utilised on this account during the last three years, State-wise?

Steps to check increasing environmental pollution

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to check the increasing environmental pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has contemplated any plan to check the pollution and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Installation of VOCR system

†34. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions were given by the Central Pollution Control Board in the year 2016, for installation of Volatile Organic Compound (Vapour) Recovery System (VOCR) to prevent emission of harmful elements while filling fuel in petrol-diesel vehicles;

(b) if so, the States where petrol pumps are not following this direction; and

(c) the names of diseases that are caused by this harmful element and the extent to which air gets polluted thereby?

Impact of forest fires on air pollution

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

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of forest fires in the last three years and if so, details thereof;

(b) details of steps taken to address the increase in number of forest fires;

(c) the percentage of air pollution attributable to forest fires;

(d) the amount allocated and released under the Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme for the last two years; and

(e) whether Ministry plans to bring a National Forest Fire Management Plan to address the prevention and control of forest

fires as directed by the National Green Tribunal?

Reduction of pollution in cities

36. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details regarding the pollution in the major cities of India during last three years, State/UT/year-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to control air pollution, if so, the details of the plans thereof along with the implementation of the same; and

(c) whether Ministry has received proposals regarding the rain-maker aircraft to be used to reduce pollution, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Ministry with the reasons for delay in approval?

United Nations Report on Climate Change

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

(a) whether Government has received any United Nations (UN) Report on Climate Change on one degree Celsius increase of global warming;

(b) if so, summary of report thereof and process proposed on limiting warming in the climate;

(c) action proposed by Government to reduce temperature by 0.5 degree within next ten years thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) details of stringent decision of Government to control temperature, investment plan and the findings of local Government and NGOs therein?

Classification of animals as vermins

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

(a) the total number of notifications issued under Section 62 of the 'Wildlife Protection Act, 1972' to classify any animal as vermin during the last three years;

(b) if so, details thereof including the duration and geographical extent of notification, State-wise;

(c) details of circumstances under which the Ministry passed the above-mentioned notifications;

(d) whether Government carries out scientific surveys/collects data on animal population and their role in the ecosystem before enacting the above-mentioned notifications and if so, the nodal agency that issues the notifications; and

(e) if not, details of the damage caused to any ecosystem due to these notifications being passed?

Assessment of impact of Climate Change on India

39. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of impact of Climate Change on India;

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

(c) whether Government has set any parameters for adaptation to Climate Change;

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

(e) whether Government has identified any special focus State for Climate Change impact; and

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

Groundwater pollution monitoring programme

40. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any programme for monitoring pollution levels in groundwater;

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

(c) whether Government has set any parameters for gauging the level of pollution in groundwater; and

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

Study to assess pollution in Mannar Biosphere reserve

41. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to assess the pollution caused to Gulf of Mannar Biosphere reserve by a

Copper Plant which is situated 14 kms. from the bioreserve;

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

Status of diversion of forest land in Belgaum

42. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request for diversion of 72 hectares of forest land from Karnataka Government to Rani Chennamma University in Belgaum district; and

(b) if so, details of the proposal and efforts made by Government to give its approval for diversion of land?

Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act

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

(a) whether instances of irregularities have been reported in connection with the plantation drives carried out under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act guidelines;

(b) the details of funds released for Uttar Pradesh under the aforesaid act;

(c) the details of follow-up action to ascertain the success of such drives; and

(d) whether GPS technology and Satellite imaging are being used to track the progress of such drives?

E-waste management in India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per CAG report, four lakh tonnes of electronic waste is generated in India every year;

(b) if so, the details of top ten e-waste producing States of India;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring any e-waste regulatory law;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Comprehensive policy for improving air quality

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many cities, towns and many places across the country are facing air pollution problem, due to which Air Quality Index (AQI) is somewhere between Severe and Poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive policy including creating awareness among public to restrain from air polluting activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Notification of CAMPA Act

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any law in order to collect money from the organisations/institutions for using the forest land for afforestation and other related activities after change in land use;

(b) if so, the details of regulations formulated under the said Act; and

(c) by when the said Act would be notified by Government and the amount of compensation likely to be released by Central Government under CAMPA Fund for afforestation and other activities in case of Chhattisgarh?

Impact of rising sea levels on coastal cities

47. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted a study on rising sea levels due to climate change and the impact therein on the coastal cities of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry consulted climate change experts, including academics and scientists, to address the issue of rising sea-levels;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) concrete steps the Ministry has taken to make coastal cities and their populations resilient to rising sea-levels and if so, details of tangible results thereof?

Notification regarding the CRZ Act

48. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be
pleased to state:

(a) salient features of the new notification, released in 2018, regarding the Coastal Regulation Zone Act;

(b) the details of public engagement invited, including exact date on which these were invited and the precise number of suggestions/comments received on the Report on reconsidering the limits of existing coastal regulations, submitted by the Shailesh Nayak Committee;

(c) the details of engaged stakeholders as per the final notification issued by the Ministry; and

(d) whether the Ministry considered the specific concerns of the National Fishworkers Forum, regarding the impact on the fisheries industry, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Commitments made by India at COP24

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

(a) whether, India at the environment meet, Conference of Parties (COP) 24 held recently, assured that all its climate targets would be achieved ahead of deadline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which it would achieve the set targets, when emission intensity and air pollution level is going up in all metropolitan cities; and

(d) details of action taken to meet the climate targets?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Methods used for tiger estimation

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

- (a) the details of the methods used for tiger estimation;
- (b) whether Government has taken note of other such methods used worldwide for tiger estimation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the impact of the usage of M-STRIPES application for Tiger estimation; and
- (e) the details of allocation made for the purpose of tiger estimation?

Status of Afforestation Programme

†51. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that inspite of stringent provisions, no significant reduction is reflected in the incidents of cutting of trees;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons why there are no significant results of the initiatives taken for the growth of afforestation;
- (c) if so, the results thereof; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by Government in the direction of mass awareness campaign regarding environment conservation?

Environmental clearance for Vijayawada terminal

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

- (a) when was the proposal for clearance from the Ministry, for construction of a new terminal at Vijayawada was submitted by AAI with an estimated cost of ₹ 500 crores;
- (b) the reasons for delay in getting approval from the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry; and
- (c) by when approval of EAC is going to be given?

Increase in number of polluted river stretches in Southern States

53. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that polluted river stretches have increased over the years, especially in Southern States;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to curb the polluted river stretches?

Death of tigers in Tiger Reserves

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

- (a) the number of tiger deaths in each of the Tiger Reserves in the country in the last three years;

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(b) the number of tigers that were killed and died due to disease;

(c) details of efforts being made to save the tigers from poachers and disease; and

(d) the level of Central Government's help to the State Government in this regard?

UN's IPCC report

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

(a) whether Government is aware of United Nations (UNs) IPCC report that India could witness deadly heat waves, specially making it unbearable for Kolkata, if the earth temperature goes up by two degree Celsius;

(b) whether Government has taken up any recent projects to improve the forest cover in India for the same; and

(c) whether Government is aware of the IPCC report's suggesting India to make a transition from coal to an alternate source of energy and reaction of the Government thereto and plans thereof?

Land to a cement project in Yavatmal forest

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

(a) whether Central Government has approved the diversion of 467.64 hectares of land to cement project of a private company in Yavatmal forest of Maharashtra for the construction of a cement factory;

(b) whether Government is aware that the area was a breeding ground for tigers which is an endangered species and the killing of a Tiger named "Avni" a mother of two cubs thereafter; and

(c) the amount of compensation that is being paid by the private company for the acquisition of the land in the forest?

WHO report on death of children

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the World Health Organisation (WHO) report, which made claims of over one lakh death of children in 2016 due to air pollution;

(b) whether Government has recent data on the total death of children due to air pollution in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has started any mission or programme to curb air pollution in India, if so, the details thereof?

Status of Municipal Solid Waste Processing Plants

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

(a) quantum of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) generated in India, State-wise and year-wise; during last three years;

(b) quantum of MSW processed, for last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) number of processing plants set-up in the country, since the notification of Solid Waste Management Rules (SWMR), 2016, district-wise and State-wise;

(d) details of action taken against local bodies which have failed to establish Waste Processing Plants, as per the SWMR rules; and

(e) details of methods being used to process MSW?

Payments to media on DAVP account

59. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has kept payments to media on DAVP account pending since 2012;

(b) if so, the details of advertisements released since 2014 to media and release of payments therefor, sector-wise and year-wise;

(c) by when media will get their entire billing upto December 2018;

(d) details of initiatives taken by Government with concerned Ministries/ Departments to release early payments; and

(e) the budget in hand as on 31.01.2019 with Government towards advertisements on achievements of Government?

Improvement of infrastructure in DD and AIR

60. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating or has taken any steps to improve the infrastructure in Doordarshan and AIR;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to strengthen broadcast capacity and coverage of Doordarshan and AIR to enable them to compete with private channels and radio stations; and

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

Registration of TV channels

61. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TV channels currently registered as on 1st January, 2019; and

(b) the number of registered TV channels having 20 per cent or more ownership by a single entity or group and if so, the list of such channels?

Issue of notices to news channels

62. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any notices/warning letters to some of the news channels for promoting anti-national agenda or fake news in the past three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the news channels; and

(c) the reasons for not cancelling the licenses of those news channels?

Closure of Akashwani National News Channel

63. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to close the Akashwani National News Channel, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the federation of Journalists have requested Government to review its decision, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

Implementation of Public Advertisement Guidelines

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

(a) the status of the Committee of three members formed in response to Supreme Court's directions to oversee the implementation of the Public Advertisement Guidelines;

(b) the details of composition and meetings held so far;

(c) whether such a Committee has been formed in all the States and if not, the list of such States and reasons for non-formation;

(d) the details of complaints investigated by the Committee at the centre, year-wise; and

(e) details of action taken against authorities that violated guidelines as reported by the Committee?

Issues and concerns with respect to Prasar Bharati

65. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the acute shortage of employees/staff in the Programme Cadre any initiative has been taken for more than 1500 programme

officers who are languishing on the same posts for 20 to 35 years, without a single regular promotion; and

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to give the stagnating programme employees, a one-time relaxation by amending IBPS (Indian Broadcasting Programme Service) rule and filling-up all group 'A' posts by reducing/removing the condition of the residency period and if not, whether the employees would be given an option of a golden handshake or a beneficial exit policy?

Formation of Parliamentary Committee in Prasar Bharati

66. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Prasar Bharati Act, Rule 13, there is a provision of a Parliamentary Committee consisting of 22 Members of Parliament, which may function as per rules made by the Speaker of the House;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any step to constitute the above mentioned Committee, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Ministry is taking any step to redress the shortage of officers/employees in the Programme Cadre, in which 1032 out of 1038 sanctioned Group-A posts and more than 2000 out of 4075 sanctioned Group-B posts are vacant?

**Commissioning of programmes for
DD 'Arunprabha'**

67. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the invitation for commissioning of programmes for Doordarshan (DD) 'Arunprabha' were invited on the DD website/Newspaper in December, 2016 and if so, the details thereof including proposals received for the same;

(b) whether the Prasar Bharati has further constituted any Evaluation Committee to select proposals for commissioning category for DD 'Arunprabha' out of these proposals and if so, the details thereof along with list of selected proposals under open competition; and

(c) the details of proposals for which permission is yet to be given to start shooting for the programmes and time by when permission letters are likely to be issued?

**Vacant posts in Doordarshan
and AIR**

†68. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in Doordarshan and All India Radio, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to fill the vacant posts in Chhattisgarh;

(c) the progress made by the Ministry in conducting Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for regular promotions; and

(d) the time-limit fixed by the Ministry for this?

Monitoring of illegal mining

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

(a) whether Government has evolved a mechanism for pro-actively monitoring and supervising the rampant illegal mining in the country; and

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

Control on illegal mining

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

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly one lakh incidents of illegal mining are taking place in a year, due to which nation is suffering a huge loss of revenue and Government is not able to control it completely till now;

(b) the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the work of Ministry of Mines and mining agencies have been reviewed; and

(d) if so, the results of the review conducted during last three years?

Action against illegal mining

†71. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of illegal mining filed till date during last three years, the details thereof, year-wise;

(b) the details of all the companies/ persons involved in illegal mining and

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whether they have ever been served with demand notice or fined, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the total amount of fine imposed and collected till date during last three years by the Central/State Governments; and

(d) the details of the steps taken till date by Central/State Governments to identify and check illegal mining during last three years?

Illegal mining of minerals in Jharkhand

72. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of illegal mining of minerals, especially Bauxite in the State of Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, case/location-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken/is taking any steps to stop such illegal mining and if so, the details thereof?

Losses incurred by NALCO

73. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) amount of losses incurred by NALCO, during the financial year 2018-19, taking into consideration the production of Aluminium only; and

(b) steps taken by NALCO to surmount this crisis, in cases where losses are taking place in every quarter?

District Mineral Foundations in Andhra Pradesh

74. SHRI G. V. L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts of Andhra Pradesh where District Mineral Foundations have been established;

(b) the names of the districts and the amount of funds received as Royalty by them since inception, year-wise as per Mines and Minerals Act, amended in 2015;

(c) the extent of utilisation of the funds received by each district, year-wise;

(d) purposes and quantum of funds utilised by respective districts, year-wise;

(e) whether there has been any verification as to whether these funds have been utilised for the intended purpose; and

(f) if so, findings of the above?

Status of District Mineral Foundations (DMFs)

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

(a) details of the status of establishment of District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) in each of the districts affected by mining operations and details of action taken against States not establishing DMFs;

(b) the amount of funds held by DMFs district-wise, the per cent utilization of these funds, and the details of projects funded by DMFs;

(c) whether an oversight mechanism exists to prevent diversion of funds to purposes other than welfare of people in mining districts, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether Ministry has come across incidents of Companies not contributing

to DMFs, if so, details thereof and action taken thereon?

Displacement of people due to mining

76. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of individuals displaced due to mining in the country at present;

(b) whether displaced individuals have been awarded compensation/rehabilitation;

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

(d) whether the Ministry has ensured alternative livelihood development and skill development for displaced individuals; and

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

Rat hole mining in Meghalaya

77. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the centre got information from Meghalaya State Government regarding the workers trapped in the rat hole mine;

(b) the steps taken by Central Government immediately after it got the information regarding the tragedy;

(c) the reason behind the failure of Government in providing high power pump at the earliest to drain out water from the mine;

(d) whether Government has done any effort of find out countries that have infrastructure and expertise to save lives trapped in such mines; and

(e) whether Government machinery is a complete failure in stopping rat hole mining in Meghalaya?

Monitoring of rat hole mining

78. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry was aware of the practice of rat hole mining;

(b) if so, reasons as to why it was allowed to flourish and details of persons responsible for such gross oversight; and

(c) manner in which families of trapped/dead will be compensated?

Rat hole mines functioning in the country

79. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study or intends to conduct any study regarding the working of coal mines, especially rat hole mines in the country;

(b) whether Government has any data regarding the rat hole mines functioning in the country at present;

(c) the monitoring mechanisms available with Government to monitor the functioning of such mines; and

(d) details of steps taken so far and the measures intended to be taken by Government to stop the rat hole mining in the light of the tragedy which happened in Meghalaya?

Implementation of PESA Act

†80. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the names of State/States of India which have not framed rules/provisions/law so far to implement the provisions of Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act 1996;

(b) the names of States where population of tribal communities is comparatively large; and

(c) the details of State/States which have not formulated relevant laws under Panchayati Raj System so far, in compliance of Section 4(k), 4(L), 4(m)(ii) of PESA Act?

Women working in Panchayati Raj Institutions

†81. SHRI RAKESH SINHA : Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women working in Panchayati Raj Institutions, after being elected across the country till January, 2019;

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

(c) whether age-group-wise details are available, in age groups of 25 to 40, 40 to 60 and 60 and above?

Release of funds to Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh

82. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds released so far to Andhra Pradesh under devolution to the Gram Panchayats as per the Fourteenth Finance Commission award during the current financial year;

(b) whether any funds have been withheld, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Fourteenth Finance Commission recommended that funds for Gram Panchayats be released only when elections are held for having duly elected Gram Panchayats;

(d) if so, the steps proposed by State Government to access lapsed funds, if any; and

(e) steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that elections are held to the Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh?

Implementation of RGSA

83. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for effective capacity building of Panchayati Raj System in the country;

(b) the details of the steps taken for implementation of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) in the country, specifically in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the progress of RGSA in the State?

Allocation under the schemes of Ministry

84. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants released under various scheme of the Ministry to States during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether grants were released on time, State-wise and scheme-wise;

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(c) the details of expenditure, scheme-wise; and

(d) the details of physical targets set and achieved, State-wise and year-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

Government appointed legislative assistants for MPs

85. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many countries provide MPs with qualified Legislative and Policy Research Assistants for their parliamentary work;

(b) the reason why our Government does not follow such a scheme;

(c) if there is a scheme in place, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are plans to staff an MPs office adequately with Research Assistants, to help him/her discharge his/her duties in a more informed manner?

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

86. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh in May, 2014

(b) a list of the aforesaid major projects with routes and expenditure;

(c) a list of major National Highways projects under construction in Andhra Pradesh, their routes and budget outlay;

(d) a list of major National Highways projects proposed in Andhra Pradesh, their routes and budget outlay; and

(e) the expenditure incurred on National Highways projects since May, 2014 all over the country and expenditure incurred in Andhra Pradesh and other States?

Anantpur Amaravati Expressway

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has finally approved Anantapur-Amaravati Expressway recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has agreed to share fifty per cent cost of land acquisition and present status of land acquisition;

(c) the procedure being followed in similar projects in other parts of the country with regard to land acquisition and sharing of costs;

(d) details of plan of action to complete the above expressway; and

(e) reasons for narrowing the expressway from 200 meters to 100 meters?

Bharatmala Project

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

(a) whether the Ministry is implementing Bharatmala project to construct 25,000 Kms. of roads along India's borders, coastal areas, ports, religious and tourist places; and

(b) if so, status of progress of the project and target fixed for completing the work?

NHs in Gujarat

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

(a) the number of Highways in Gujarat to be upgraded into National Highways during the last three years;

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

(c) the various works done on the above mentioned Highways and the length of Highways covered till date?

Ring Roads in Karnataka

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

(a) whether Karnataka Government sought Central assistance for Ring Roads in Karnataka including Hassan (Karnataka) for 33 kms.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government considered and approved sanctioning the requisite assistance to the Karnataka Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the present status of approval of the proposal and the reasons for keeping it pending?

Road accidents and deaths due to potholes in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that road accidents and deaths of persons due to potholes has

increased in Andhra Pradesh during last three years from 2015 to 2017;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) status till December, 2018;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than 300 people died during above period in Andhra Pradesh due to potholes;

(e) if so, number of accidents that took place on State roads and on NHs; and

(f) mechanism by which Ministry will address this problem and to what extent low quality repair of roads by PWD is contributing to this problem?

Road accidents on Highways

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

(a) whether incidents of fatal accidents and number of victims on the highways are increasing with every passing day;

(b) if so, details thereof with the number of accidents and the number of deaths which occurred on the highways during last three years;

(c) whether Government is considering to station mobile medical units on the highways to provide medical help to victims as quickly as possible and thus save lives;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether Government is considering any elaborate plan to put in place with a view to minimise accidents; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

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**Under construction NH projects in
A.P.**

93. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Highways projects at various stages of progress in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government has fixed any time-frame for completion of these National Highways projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Connectivity to Amaravati

94. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rayalaseema Region districts are being connected to Amaravati through National Highways in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/granted/ released by Government for completion of these National Highways during the last three years;
- (d) whether the fund released by Government is sufficient for early completion of these NH projects; and
- (e) if not, the reaction of Government?

Economic Corridor Roads in T.N. and A.P.

95. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY:

SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has identified any stretch of National Highways in State of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh to be developed as Economic Corridor roads and Coastal and Port connectivity roads;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has allocated sufficient funds for development of stretches of National Highways under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) if not, reasons therefor?

National Highways in Maharashtra

96. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National and State Highways in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of State roads that have been declared as new National Highways in the State of Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government has provided funds for development of such new National Highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Road accidents on Delhi-Mumbai NH

97. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether killer Indian roads claim lives of 56 pedestrian per day, according to an official report;

(b) if so, the details of road accidents during the last three years, State-wise including Karnataka;

(c) whether thirty per cent stretch of Delhi-Mumbai Highway is unsafe for cars, according to a study by World Bank and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures being taken by Government to reduce road accidents and to improve road safety in the country?

Highway Projects in Uttar Pradesh

98. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the current status of broadening of the stretches of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh to Four Lane on NH stretches in Uttar Pradesh, namely, Khuthan-Jaunpur to Saidpur-Ghazipur near NH 31, Paliya-Shahjahanpur *via* Hardoi-Lucknow section, Allahabad-Jaunpur-Gorakhpur route, Balia-Mau-Azamgarh route, Mathura-Hathras-Badaun-Bareilly route, Aligarh-Palwal route, Varanasi-Jaunpur-Akbarpur route, NH 44 junction Panipat-Shamli-Muzzaffarnagar-Bijnor route, State Highway-9 Meerut-Garhmukteshwar stretch and NH Kashipur section Moradabad-Jaspur route?

Safe driving on NH

99. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) details of the steps taken for ensuring the safe driving on National Highways;

(b) whether Government has any plan for implementation of 'lane driving' mandatory throughout the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of National Highway in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh

100. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of the construction of the Highways (in Kilometres) in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh for the last three years;

(b) whether the target set has been achieved by Government in completing the construction of Highways in these States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of the funds allocated for the Highways projects in these States; and

(d) whether there is any project delay due to lack of required land and if so, the efforts by Government to resolve it?

Improvement in connectivity in border areas

101. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to improve connectivity in border areas,

especially in India-Pakistan and India-China border areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of achievement of Government in this regard during last three years?

(d) the percentage of villages and habitations connected by rural roads in March 2014, State-wise; and

(e) the percentage of villages and habitations connected by rural roads as of now, State-wise?

Development of state waterways

†102. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has formulated any action plan for the development of inter state waterways in the rivers of the country, if so, the rivers and the waterways of the country which have been included in the action plan and the total financial outlay made for this action plan?

Construction of rural roads

103. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) length of rural roads constructed on an average in kilometers in the country under PMGSY during 2013-14, in 2017-18 and 2018-19 so far;

(b) the total length of rural roads constructed in the country during the last three years, starting from 2015-16 under PMGSY, year-wise;

(c) the above information for the last three years, starting from 2015-16, State-wise and year-wise;

Concerns over implementation of MGNREGA

104. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme is facing a severe fund crunch and the scheme faces difficulties in meeting the demand for work and paying wages on time;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether 250 lawmakers and activists have written to the Prime Minister raising concerns over implementation of the MGNREGA scheme;

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

(e) whether there is an urgent need for strengthening MGNREGA, amid a situation of distress across rural India with massive unemployment; and

(f) if so, steps being taken by Government to improve lives of rural workers?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Variation in payment of compensation to MGNREGA workers

105. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a wide variation between the amount of compensation payable to the MGNREGA workers for delayed payment of wages and amount approved and compensation actually paid;

(b) if so, the amount of compensation payable, approved and actually paid during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) if so, the reasons behind this variation; and

(d) the details of methodology used for calculating compensation?

Unemployment allowance in MGNREGA

106. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is facing challenges while implementing the MGNREGA across the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether unemployment allowance is paid, if the work is not provided within fifteen days of applying for work;

(d) if so, number of cases where unemployment allowance has been paid or is being paid and details thereof; and

(e) details of stringent steps being taken to check corruption in the scheme?

MGNREGA in Gujarat

†107. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are cases in districts of Gujarat, where people did not get jobs for the entire year, even after applying for jobs in MGNREGA;

(b) if so, the number of such cases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that partiality is being done while providing employment under MGNREGA; and

(d) steps taken by Government to stop this arbitrary approach?

Release of funds for MGNREGA

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

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

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

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

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

Holding of MGNREGS job cards by sarpanches and MPTC members in AP

109. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has made any analysis as to why labour in Andhra Pradesh are not considered under the active workers category and State stood at 16th position;

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(b) whether it has come to the notice of this Ministry that sarpanches and Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTC) members in AP are holding MGNREGA job cards;

(c) if so, reasons for issuing job cards to such persons; and

(d) the mechanism by which Ministry will ensure that all genuine job card holders in AP would get 100 days of work under MGNREGA?

Release of watershed development funds to Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of release of watershed development fund to the State of Andhra Pradesh for taking up watershed development programmes in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for release of funds at the earliest?

Implementation of MGNREGA

111. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of fund released by Central Government to States under MGNREGA scheme in the years 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2017-18;

(b) the number of man days of employment generated under MGNREGA in the above three financial years;

(c) since when labourer's wages under MGNREGA are being directly paid into their accounts in the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode;

(d) the number of labourer's accounts into which wage payments have been made in DBT mode;

(e) the number of these accounts which are Jan Dhan accounts; and

(f) the estimated savings from leakages that have been prevented due to DBT?

Implementation of National Social Assistance Programme

112. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) amount of funds disbursed under National Social Assistance Programme, State-wise and year-wise since 2014;

(b) details of method used to determine central assistance to each State under the scheme;

(c) whether Socio-Economic Caste Census is used to estimate number of beneficiaries in each State, if not, reasons therefor;

(d) amount of pension provided per month under various sub-schemes of NSAP in each State;

(e) whether Ministry will revise current rate of pensions under scheme as per inflation levels and if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(f) details of States conducting social audits and submitting reports to Ministry?

**Additional working days under
MGNREGS**

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

(a) action taken by Government to provide additional working days under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in various States in the country; and

(b) if so, details of total working days allotted additionally, State-wise and the quantum of funds allocated, sanctioned and released during the last three years to various States?

**Use of technology for construction of
roads in rural areas**

114. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to rope in technology for monitoring of construction of roads in rural areas;

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

(c) whether Government has proposed to use satellite imagery to bring in transparency, accountability and efficiency in construction of roads in rural areas; and

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

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

115. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds raised through

various sources for the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana and details thereof;

(b) whether a Committee has been constituted for the purpose of creating operational guidelines for the scheme and if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has faced any challenges in implementing the scheme, and if so, the plans to address them?

**Implementation of schemes under
NSAP**

116. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implements various schemes like Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);

(b) if so, details thereof including physical and financial progress during the last three years, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Supreme Court has observed that there is a huge gap in implementation of the NSAP; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in evaluating, monitoring and effective implementation of the scheme?

DDU-GKY in Chhattisgarh

†117. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) is a youth employment scheme being implemented by the Central Government;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of centres operating in Chhattisgarh under the said scheme, district-wise;
- (d) the details of the institutions/ organisations which are operating these centres; and
- (e) the amount allocated to each of them?

Fund allocation and spending for MGNREGA

118. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise allocation for MGNREGA since 2014;
- (b) the amount of allocated funds which has been released so far by the Ministry and amount which is pending since 2014;
- (c) the amount of fund which has been spent so far;
- (d) details of fund allocation and release of funds for the scheme, State-wise during last three years;
- (e) the number of rural population that joined MGNREGA and the number of people who have withdrawn from it; and
- (f) the States where minimum working days are less than the proposed days?

Water conservation through MGNREGA

119. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) details of the water conservation goals achieved by Government through its flagship programmes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee

Scheme (MGNREGS) etc. in various parts of the country;

- (b) whether Government has devised any future plans to promote water conservation in the rural areas and discourage misuse of groundwater which poses a huge danger to eco-system;

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

Return of Indian Scientists to work in India

120. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any information regarding Indian Scientists returning to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been any increase/ decrease in the number of Indian Scientists who are returning to work in India;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken any measures to stop migration of Indian Scientists to other countries; and
- (f) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of technical incubators

121. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of technical incubators set up with the assistance of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the major findings thereof?

Development of Ramayapatnam Seaport

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

(a) the status and the progress of development of Ramayapatnam Seaport in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has sanctioned and released any funds to this Seaport, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the delay in construction of the Seaport; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for early completion of the Seaport?

Setting up of major port at Vodarevu or Ramayapatnam

123. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) when did the Ministry request Andhra Pradesh Government to submit a proposal for setting up of major port at Vodarevu or Ramayapatnam in place of Duggarajapatnam;

(b) if so, whether Government has rejected or accepted the above proposal;

(c) whether State wants to set up a port at some other location and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time Ministry will take for obtaining clearances, once the State Government submits its proposal;

(e) why Andhra Pradesh Government is insisting that the Ministry should not thrust on a particular place for setting up

of port and State Government be given free hand; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Road connectivity in Thoothukudi port

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

(a) whether Government has identified V.O.C. Port in Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu under the ambitious Sagarmala Pariyojana Phase-1 for development of road connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any funds has been earmarked for this;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Environmental clearance of Haldia-Varanasi waterway

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

(a) whether India's longest waterway project on the river Ganga underwent any environmental clearance, especially for the dredging between Varanasi and Haldia and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government plans to conduct or has conducted any consultations with Locals or Civil Society Organisations, for environmental and ecological matters and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has conducted or is aware of any study on severe ecological

threats from dredging activities and the impending harm due to lack of any environmental clearance and if so, the details thereof?

New major port at Duggarajapatnam

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

(a) whether Government has constituted an Expert Committee to examine the issue(s) related to setting up of new major port at Duggarajapatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of terms and reference of the Expert Committee;

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

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Consideration of 2nd DPR of Polavaram Project

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of timelines for completion of Polavaram Project by its schedule time 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received the 2nd Detailed Project Report (DPR) on Polavaram project for release of ₹ 57,900 crores by Andhra Pradesh Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has taken any decision on releasing the funds to Andhra Pradesh in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor?

Water quality of river Ganga

128. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects for sewage treatment plants sanctioned and completed under the Clean Ganga Mission Programme; and

(b) whether Government has set a deadline of March, 2019 to ensure a 70 to 80 per cent improvement in the water quality of the river Ganga?

Draft National River Ganga Bill, 2018

129. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft National River Ganga Bill, 2018, has proposed the setting up of an armed force "Ganga Protection Corps";

(b) if so, the powers allocated to armed personnels for offences and penalties punishable under the Ganga Act; and

(c) whether Government is planning to include in this draft the issues such as building barrages and diverting flow of the river, dredging to make way for inland water ways and hydroelectric projects that impact the flow and massive deforestation?

Water stressed regions

130. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that availability of water in many regions of the country is way below the national average and are considered as water stressed/water scarce region;

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

(c) whether the Central Government has identified such water stressed/water scarce regions of the country;

(d) if so, the names of those regions, State-wise; and

(e) the effective steps taken/being taken by the Central Government to mitigate the water scarcity and drought conditions of these regions?

Difference between estimates of Polavaram Project

131. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh State submitted Revised Estimates for Polavaram Project at price level of 2013-14 and 2017-18 for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the difference between two price levels and the commitment of the Central Government on the expenditure of Polavaram Project?

Price adjustment charges for Polavaram Project

132. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not reimbursed the expenditure incurred by the State Government towards payment of price adjustment of labour, machinery and other materials in Polavaram project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, amount that was reimbursed so far; and

(c) expenditure incurred by the State under this head in Polavaram project till date?

Suggestions of CAG in cleaning Ganga

†133. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the suggestion made by Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), on the intentions of clean Ganga drive mission, for spending less than the allocated amount in respect of making Ganga pollution free;

(b) the amount spent out of allocated amount for rejuvenating Ganga river during the last three years under Namami Gange Mission;

(c) whether it is a fact that water of river Ganga has become dirtier instead of getting cleaned despite various efforts of Government; and

(d) the reasons for increasing pollution in Ganga and whether the solution is possible by way of ongoing plans?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Amalgamation of PMKSY to schemes

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

(a) whether the Ministry has amalgamated ongoing schemes into Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme subsumed into PMKSY and the funds allocated to each scheme and time-line for completion of the projects?

Cleaning programme for river Ganga

135. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of Central Pollution Control Board, only one out of 39 locations through which Ganga flows had clean water in the post monsoon period during 2018;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized during last three years on cleaning of river Ganga, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for massive failure of the cleaning programmes under every Government?

Delay in construction of irrigation projects

136. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Indira Sagar Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh, Gosikhurd irrigation project in Maharashtra, Shahpur Kandi Dam in Punjab, Saryu Nahar Pariyojana in Uttar Pradesh and Teesta Barrage in West Bengal;

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of these projects; and

(c) the cost escalation incurred in each of these projects?

Feasibility report for linking of rivers

137. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that linking of rivers such as Mahanadi-Godavari, Godavari-Krishna, Krishna-Pennar, Pennar-Cauvery, Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar, Bedti-Varda, Netravati-Hemavati have been identified, which benefits Karnataka and other States long ago;

(b) if so, when was the feasibility report of each of the above link prepared;

(c) the difficulties being faced by the Ministry in preparing DPR for each of the above link; and

(d) by when the Ministry will initiate linking of above rivers and the time-frame for its completion?

Cleaning of river Ganga

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government projects commenced for cleaning of river Ganga have not given desired results;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of efforts being made for cleaning the Ganga; and

(d) the plan of Government for cleaning and rejuvenation of the other important rivers?

(a) the status of Polavaram project which is being undertaken on behalf of the Central Government by Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) the details of the funds released by Government to Andhra Pradesh Government since the date of declaration of Polavaram project as National Project;

(c) the details of funds released prior to year 2014, when Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act was enacted and passed by Parliament; and

(d) tentative time by which Government proposes to complete the Polavaram project?

Status of NGP in Bihar

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

(a) the number of cities in Bihar in which Namami Gange Project (NGP) for cleaning the Ganga is being implemented;

(b) the number of projects designed for each city, the desired/approved funds for them and the time by which the projects are set likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress of these schemes is very slow; and

(d) if so, whether the agency, to which Government has assigned the task, would complete it on time and the details thereof?

Funds status of Polavaram Project

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

Shortage of women umpires and referees

†141. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of national/international level women umpires/referees in various fields of sports in the country;

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

(c) whether the shortage of sports schools and sponsors for women games are the main causes of the shortage of women coaches/trainers;

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(e) whether Government has plans to bring any new scheme to promote women in sports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Basic infrastructure facilities for development of sports in A.P.

142. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal to Central Government requesting for provision of basic infrastructural facilities for development of sports in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken by the Ministry in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of quantum of funds being allocated for the same for providing sports infrastructure facilities in Andhra Pradesh?

National Sports University

143. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of progress of the National Sports University, being established in Manipur;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised till date; and

(c) the status of establishment of other campuses of this Sports University across India and details thereof?

NSS in educational institutes

144. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of the number of universities and other educational institutions, along

with the number of students who are part of the National Service Scheme (NSS) in the country, State-wise;

(b) details of the activities in which the students are involved under NSS; and

(c) whether Government proposes to make participation in NSS activities mandatory and if so, the details thereof?

Synthetic football turf in Bengaluru

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

(a) the date of approval of the laying of synthetic football turf at SAI, Regional Centre, Bengaluru;

(b) the initial estimated cost of the project;

(c) the amount so far released and the status of work; and

(d) by when the turf would be completed and would become operational?

Support to Indian athletes for Tokyo Olympics, 2020

146. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to provide support for athletes preparing for the Tokyo Olympics, 2020, especially financial and professional help;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of several complaints by athletes regarding food and accommodation, when they participate in events abroad, and if so, the steps that have been taken to address these issues; and

(d) whether Government has provided any coaching to professional trainers and instructors or recruited professional trainers from abroad for the purpose of enhancing the performance of the athletes, and if so, the details thereof?

Target Olympics Podium Scheme

147. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any proposal for increase in the budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports;

(b) the funds allocated, received and spent under Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme, till date;

(c) the list of sportspersons who have been provided assistance under the Scheme, till date;

(d) the criteria in place for choosing sportspersons who will be provided assistance under TOPS for Tokyo Olympics 2020;

(e) whether Ministry has finalised a list of the sportspersons for Tokyo Olympics 2020 who will be provided assistance; and

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

Doppler Test for sport persons

148. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matters pertaining to annual recognition of National Sports Federations for this year is under consideration of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has made Doppler Test compulsory for the sport persons competing in national and international events and if so, the details thereof?

Procedure followed for the Rafale Jets Contract

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

(a) the exact date on which the Honble Prime Minister announced the Deal for 36 Rafale Jets in France;

(b) the exact date on which the Cabinet Committee on Security approved the Deal for 36 Rafale Jets;

(c) whether any concerns regarding pricing raised by Defence Ministry Officials in the Indian Negotiating Team; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Guarantees under the Rafale Jets Contract

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

(a) whether the Rafale Jets Contract was concluded under the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) route;

(b) if so, does the Rafale Contract include a sovereign guarantee provided by the French Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, including the French Government's official reasons, and the Ministry's reasons for accepting a deal without such a guarantee; and

(d) in case of issues in delivering on the contract authority that will act as the arbitration or grievance redressal authority?

Rafale deal with France

151. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of Rafale deal that India entered into with France recently;

(b) the manner in which present deal is different from the earlier deal entered into by Government;

(c) what are the constraints due to which the cost of each fighter jet is not disclosed;

(d) whether there is any difference in technical parameters entered into earlier and the new one; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of SBM

152. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been implementing Swachh Bharat Mission to provide access to toilet facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof including physical and financial progress during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether some States have provided

fake data, to show their States as Open Defecation Free;

(d) if so, current status of ODF districts, State-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to improve sanitation in the country?

Wildlife crime data bank

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

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of wildlife crimes in the last three years, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the functions of the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau as per the 'Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972';

(c) whether the wildlife crime data bank has been established as per Section 38Z(1)(i) of the 'Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972';

(d) if so, the manner in which wildlife crime data bank aided the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau combat wildlife crime; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the expected date by when the wildlife crime data bank will be established?

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Secretary-General.

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