

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, December 9, 2019/Agrahayana 18, 1941 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Accidents in various coal mines in the country

2241. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA:
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents in various coal mines in the country during the last five years and the number of persons injured/died and details of property damaged and compensation paid;

(b) whether any inquiry was conducted and if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the action taken against persons held responsible for the accidents; and

(d) the corrective measures taken to improve safety and security of the mines and its workers?

Pending payments by CCL

†2242. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) has not made payment to vendors despite the report of Permanent Machinery of Arbitrator (PMA), the case-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of cases involving CCL and Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL) coming before PMA and the order issued by PMA in this regard, the case-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases pertaining to CCL that are pending with Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSEs Disputes (AMRCD)?

Action plan to close coal based power plant

2243. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the call made by the United Nations Secretary

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General to close coal based power plants post 2020 in the recently held climate action Summit at United Nations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total number of coal based power plants, both private and public, producing power in India and its percentage out of the total power production in India; and

(c) whether there is any action plan to completely close coal based power plants post 2020, if so, details thereof?

Clean energy cess collected from coal mining

2244. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of clean energy cess collected from coal mining during the last five years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of areas where the collected clean energy cess has been spent, State-wise?

Land acquisition for coal mining

2245. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any land, covered under the Fifth schedule, has been acquired for coal mining in India;

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

(c) the total number of people displaced by these land acquisitions; and

(d) the number of displaced people who have received compensation?

Uninterrupted supply of coal to power plants under Shakti Scheme

2246. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shakti Scheme launched

by Government to provide continuous supply of coal to the power plants have eased the stress of the power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the hurdles being faced by Government in implementing the continuous supply of coal to the power plants; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government to overcome them?

Implementation of Shakti Scheme

2247. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Shakti Scheme and details of its implementation in the country;

(b) the list of eligible States under the scheme, at present;

(c) whether State of Bihar is eligible under the scheme, at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploration of coal

2248. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Geological Survey of India (GSI), Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has undertaken any coal exploration activities during the last five years;

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

(c) whether Government has decided to reduce production of coal in view of the adverse impact it makes on the ecology and climate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian soldiers martyred on Indo-Pak border

2249. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian soldiers martyred on the Indo-Pak border in frequent terrorist attacks in the last three years;

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) time by which the terrorists would be flushed out?

Preparedness for handling tourists on Siachen Glacier

2250. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the preparedness of Ministry to manage the tourists who visit Siachen Glacier; and

(b) the reasons for opening Siachen Glacier for tourists?

DRDO's contribution in the development of defence equipments

†2251. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the contribution of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in the development and upgradation of defence equipments of the country during the last five years?

Defence purchases from Israel

2252. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has increased the Defence purchases from Israel in the last five years; and

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

Army personnel serving in UN Peacekeeping operations

2253. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army personnel currently deployed in the United Nations Peacekeeping operations;

(b) the number of casualties of Indian personnel reported from such operations during the last five years; and

(c) the details of welfare schemes in operation for the forces from the country serving in UN Peacekeeping missions?

Sainik schools for girls

2254. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to open Sainik schools for girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the budget allocated for the same;

(c) whether there is a decline in standard, if so, the reasons for decline in standard of education in these schools; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the standard of emoluments provided to the teaching and non-teaching staff of Sainik schools?

Modernisation and self-sufficiency in defence sector

2255. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to spend approx. USD 130 billion in the next five to seven years to modernise the armed forces and bolster their combat capabilities;

(b) if so, the steps taken/policies formulated by Government to achieve self-sufficiency in the defence sector; and

(c) whether there is a decline in defence import in the last five years?

India's defence expenditure

†2256. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large part of defence budget is spent on import of defence equipments;

(b) if so, the percentage of total budget which has been spent on the purchase of defence ordnance during the last three years; and

(c) the efforts being made to manufacture these weapons indigenously so that foreign currency remains intact?

Use of honeytrap by ISI

†2257. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has made/is making efforts to use honeytrap as a tool in order to trap Indian officers;

(b) the response of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard in order to prevent Pakistan from gaining any access to the intelligence inputs from India?

Encroached defence land in the country

2258. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are around 9,700 acres of defence land which is under encroachment across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conceived any plan to retrieve/regain the substantial portion of land in a time-bound manner;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Afforestation measures under CAMPA

2259. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of total area under forest cover in the country year on year for the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the afforestation measures carried out by the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA); and

(c) details of funds collected and spent by CAMPA for afforestation activities for aforesaid period?

Steps to reduce air pollution

2260. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects/steps taken up in last five years to reduce air pollution in the country;

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(b) the details of projects/steps taken, especially in the tier 1 and tier 2 cities which are most polluted;

(c) the budget allocated to ensure reduction in air pollution in last five years, year-wise and project-wise; and

(d) the budget spent to ensure reduction in air pollution in last five years, year-wise and project-wise?

Environmental clearance for projects in Sikkim

2261. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the various projects pending with Government for environmental clearance pertaining to State of Sikkim ;

(b) the details of these projects project-wise; and

(c) since when these projects are pending and time required to clear these projects?

Joint Task Force to check smuggling of wildlife

2262. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India, Nepal and Bhutan are actively considering to have a Joint Task Force for allowing free movement of wildlife across political boundaries and to check smuggling of wildlife across the Kanchenjunga region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the development came after forest officials and representatives of Non-Governmental

Organisations of the three countries visited parts of the Kanchenjunga region and later held a meeting at Siliguri earlier this month; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures to reduce land degradation

2263. LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has taken any action to reduce the land degradation, extreme loss of biodiversity and desertification of land which leads to food insecurity in the country and in the end increase the poverty rate; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by Government for this climate crisis?

Legislation to reduce carbon emission

2264. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enact legislation in order to bring down the level of carbon emission to reduce the impact of climate change in the country, particularly in metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the benefits that are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Pollution in the country

2265. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

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

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

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

Testing of BT brinjal and its plantation

2266. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

(a) whether the BT brinjal event was identified for the BT brinjal planted in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BT brinjal plantation in Pune district, as announced by 'Shetkari Sanghatana' was tested, removed and seed/sapling source was identified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Warning of IPCC on cyclones

2267. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned about widespread death of marine life and residents of coastal areas

and recurring destructive cyclones in the coming periods of time;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that melting of Himalayan ice and glaciers will also affect renewable supplies of fresh water; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government and time-bound proposal to balance the normal ecosystem of the country and ocean areas?

Impact of 'Green Good Deeds' on Indian society

2268. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concept of 'Green Good Deeds' to spread environmental awareness amongst the people and get them involved;

(b) whether this concept has met its logical outcome; and

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

Cutting of trees

2269. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees cut in the country for development purposes during the last four years, year-wise, State and UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that States hastily cut trees as was evident in Mumbai recently; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take to ensure that trees are not cut indiscriminately for development and other purposes?

Tree census in Bengaluru

2270. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), a wing of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education has received any proposal from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for tree census in Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the tree census conducted by IWST in other cities during last five years?

Effluent treatment norms for pharmaceutical companies

2271. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal by Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association to change existing effluent treatment norms to exempt bulk drugs manufacturers from fresh approval process, for making changes to product mix at manufacturing facilities:

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken/ plans to take any action to change existing norms;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) details and status of report on standards for antibiotic residue in industrial effluents, drafted by Expert Committee constituted by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and time-frame within which these standards will be finalised and implemented?

Vacancies in the National Green Tribunal

2272. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal at present is dealing with a problem of vacancies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether problems are being faced by the zonal and circuit benches due to the vacancies; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to address the problem of vacancies?

Environmental clearance for Coast Guard Academy in Azhikkal, Kerala

2273. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the environmental clearance for the proposed Coast Guard Academy in Azhikkal, Kannur is pending;

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

(c) the reasons for the delay in giving environmental clearance?

Pending funds for National Mission for Green India

2274. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sixty per cent of the Central Government's share out of the revised outlay of ₹ 1622.23 lakh under the National Mission for Green India is pending for

release with Government during 2017-18; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Van Mahotsava Plantation

2275. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of saplings planted in the last five years during Van Mahotsava, State-wise;

(b) the details of the types of plants being distributed with special focus on local species; and

(c) the details of nurseries which provide local species for plantation, State-wise?

Conservation of Eagle

†2276. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering conservation of the species of Eagle;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps for their conservation; and

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

Receipt of junk at ports of Konkan region

†2277. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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

Konkan region of India are receiving junk from abroad;

(b) if so, the objectives behind it and the benefit to Government from this;

(c) the number of proposals received to bring junk into India during last three years;

(d) the number of proposals Government has rejected during the said time period;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the proposals which have been approved involves dangerous junk, which is a threat to the environment of Indian ports; and

(f) if so, Government's response thereto?

Cultivation of unapproved varieties of BT Brinjal

2278. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some States, unapproved varieties of genetically modified BT Brinjal are being grown, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of action Government is going to take against those States for such cultivation; and

(c) whether any Field Inspection Committee has been constituted to make on the spot visits, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cultivation of Genetically Modified Soyabean

2279. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the investigation on

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illegal cultivation of Genetically Modified Soyabean in Gujarat, reported to Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) in the end of 2017;

(b) whether any action has been taken since then; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Problem of single use plastic in Delhi

2280. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to address the problem of single use plastic in Delhi;

(b) the amount allocated and utilised for it during the last two years; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to address the problems of Ghazipur landfill?

Non-implementation of plastic ban

2281. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not implementing the plastic ban;

(b) the number of times plastic has been banned in India in the last ten years, State-wise;

(c) the details of fines imposed including year and number of fines levied during the ban period; and

(d) the details of plans to ensure legitimate implementation of plastic ban?

EPR for recycling plastic waste

2282. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to frame a national framework on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for recycling of plastic waste by brand owners and plastic producers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the reasons for the delay in drafting the frame work and the time period within which it will now be framed and implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of EPR

2283. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry maintains any record regarding States that have implemented the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to implement the policy, specifically, collection of single use plastics by the companies; and

(c) whether the States maintain any record and other related details of the companies implementing this policy?

Implementation of Kasturirangan report

2284. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Kasturirangan report regarding Western Ghats;
- (b) whether there is a time-frame by which it would be implemented; and
- (c) whether Government will take into consideration the realities on the ground while implementing the report?

Death of migratory birds

2285. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 18,000 migratory birds died recently at Sambhar Lake, Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the mysterious deaths of thousands of birds;
- (d) whether any team has been sent to find out the causes and if so, details of the preliminary report; and
- (e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to make the atmosphere congenial for migratory birds?

Empanelment of Environmental Impact Assessment Consultants

2286. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is creating a

national list of empanelled Environmental Impact Assessment Consultants who can undertake environmental impact assessment;

(b) whether Government has studied the veracity of environmental impact assessment reports currently being presented;

(c) whether Government is undertaking steps to improve the quality of environmental assessment reporting;

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

(e) whether Government has examined the fact that present system of consultants leads to a conflict of interest and whether the conflict of interest has any impact on the quality of the reports?

Adaptation and mitigation of climate change

2287. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated costs of adaptation and mitigation of climate change to be incurred by the country to meet the 2 degree Celsius target under the 2015 Paris Agreement until 2030;

(b) the sources and amount of funding identified by Government, including direct finance, private investment and foreign assistance, to meet these costs;

(c) the list of Centrally sponsored schemes and Central sector schemes that have climate change components; and

(d) the details of these components, specifically whether they are focused on adaptation or mitigation measures, scheme-wise?

Action taken to improve worsening condition of polluted cities

2288. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2765 given in the Rajya Sabha on 07th January, 2019 and to state:

(a) the status of improvement made so far on worsening condition of the polluted cities; and

(b) the details of the steps taken and result visible thereof?

Effects of biofuels on pollution

2289. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps undertaken by Government to reduce vehicular air pollution in urban areas;

(b) whether Government has convened any study on the effect of biofuels on air pollution and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to introduce the ethanol or alternative biofuels as a solution to the particulate emissions caused by conventional fuels; and

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

Air pollution in Delhi NCR

2290. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken to combat the menace of air pollution in Delhi NCR;

(b) the details thereof including the amount allocated for Delhi NCR region to curb pollution; and

(c) whether there are any proposals in pipeline to mitigate pollution levels in Delhi NCR, if so, the details thereof?

Climate change costs

2291. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on adaptation and mitigation measures, separately, during last five years with details of the project and source of funding, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether there is any income and outcome budget with respect to climate change and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has conducted any cost benefit analysis to determine the amount of money that would be saved if certain climate change measures are adopted, including health related expenditure; and

(e) whether Government has conducted any study to evaluate the intangible benefits that would accrue through certain climate change measures?

Slowdown in auto sector

2292. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that there is a slowdown in the auto sector;

(b) whether Government is aware that there are reports that the commercial-

vehicle (CV) segment is expected to report a decline of around 20 per cent in sales volumes in October, 2019;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the impact of the slowdown on this sector in the larger interests of Indian economy and job creation?

Handing over of HMT land to Kerala Government

2293. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transfer of land owned by Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT), Kalamassery to Kerala Government is under consideration; and

(b) if so, the status of the transfer?

Privatisation of BHEL

2294. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state whether Government is considering privatisation of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)?

SC/ST industrialists and entrepreneurs

2295. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SC/ST industrialists and entrepreneurs in the country and the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken by Government to improve their strength and increase their business; and

(c) the percentage turnover of the SC/ST entrepreneurs comparatively with overall industrial production?

Pending cases with AMRCD for resolution of CPSEs disputes

2296. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) are pending before Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSEs Disputes (AMRCD), if so, the details of last four years and the current year, case-wise;

(b) the case-wise details of the number of disputes of CCL redressed out of these and the ones redressed from amongst these; and

(c) whether there is any time limit for resolution of CPSEs disputes, if so, the details thereof?

Status of sops to conventional battery vehicles under FAME scheme

2297. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has withdrawn sops to conventional battery vehicles under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has extended the first phase of the FAME Indian scheme for promoting electric and hybrid vehicles by another six months till 31st March, 2019; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Take over of the Instrumentation Limited

2298. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from State Government of Kerala to the Government for taking over the Instrumentation Limited, Palakkad;

(b) if so, the status of that proposal;

(c) the reasons for the Centre asking the value for land which was given by the State Government of Kerala free of cost; and

(d) the steps taken by the Centre in this regard?

Closing of car manufacturing plants

2299. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of car manufacturing plants that have been shut down in the country from the years 2014-2019, the name of the plants and the location thereof;

(b) the estimated loss of jobs that has resulted owing to the shutting down of car manufacturing plants; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to boost the automotive sector and to encourage domestic manufacturing of cars?

Plan to boost heavy industries in the North-Eastern States

2300. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked

out a plan/scheme to boost the heavy industries/PSUs in North-Eastern States particularly Manipur in order to generate employment, as Manipur does not have any such industry;

(b) whether any multinational companies/PSUs are willing to invest in the North Eastern States particularly in Manipur; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this direction so far, if not, the reasons therefor?

Shutting down several low power transmitters

†2301. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to shut down several low power transmitters and shortwave transmitters under All India Radio and Doordarshan working under Prasar Bharti is strategic move and taken in the interest of the country;

(b) whether Government has taken any step to ensure that people have alternative facilities available during the shutdown of service of these restricted transmitters, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has started any assessment or conducted a study estimating the economic impact due to the closure of these services?

Quality of programmes on radio

2302. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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there is a widespread discrepancy and deterioration of good quality programmes being broadcast/transmitted in various languages for the Indian radio listeners residing abroad;

(b) whether any particular agency/department is looking into these transmission/broadcast of these programmes; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the deterioration of quality of such programmes for the millions of Indians residing abroad?

Spreading of fake news

2303. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake news have become a national threat in all angles;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to take action against those spreading fake news through print and electronic media;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to cancel the license of those print and electronic media that circulate fake news intermittently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encouragement of Community Radio services

2304. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps/initiatives being taken by Government to encourage the Community Radio services in different parts of the country;

(b) whether increasing number of

opportunities would be provided by Government to open such Community Radio Centres in rural areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of CAT orders

2305. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Judicial Orders of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) are not being implemented by the Ministry and its subordinate offices such as Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details of such cases with reasons for not implementing the CAT orders; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement CAT orders which are five years old?

Consultants and advisors working in the Ministry

2306. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors who are currently working with the Ministry and its various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) since when they are working and the details of total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being paid to them, Department/Institution-wise; and

(c) the mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?

NITI Aayog report on water crisis

‡2307. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:
Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be
pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent report of NITI Aayog gives a prediction of the alarming water crisis in the country, according to which 600 million people would have to face high to extreme shortage of water due to the contamination of 70 per cent water;

(b) whether India has been ranked at 120th position among 122 countries on the water quality index as per NITI Aayog report; and

(c) whether experts deny the conclusion of NITI Aayog that there are 12 million wells in India whereas as per reliable data the number of wells is 30 million?

Groundwater contamination due to leakage from septic tanks

‡2308. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be
pleased to state:

(a) whether groundwater is getting polluted in the country due to contamination with the unclean water leaked from the septic tanks of the toilets, built without adhering to the set rules and rural people are getting infected with many diseases after consuming that polluted groundwater;

(b) details of the schemes under which the drinking water is being provided to the rural inhabitations during the last five years; and

(c) number of inhabitations in such

districts where groundwater is polluted and drinking water is supplied through pipelines and number of such inhabitations where pipelines are yet to be laid?

High level of Uranium concentration in groundwater samples

2309. SHRI SAMBHAJI
CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of JAL
SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Atomic Minerals Directorate has found dangerously high levels of Uranium concentration in the groundwater samples taken in Lambapur-Peddagattu region of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the proposed steps Government has initiated to safeguard the health of people;

(c) whether Government has any plan to undertake a high level probe in the matter and find out the issues involved to avoid major mishap in Lambapur-Peddagattu and adjoining regions, including Nagarjuna Sagar Dam area because of its close proximity of Uranium deposits and groundwater; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Water conservation fee

2310. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to levy water conservation fee, in order to discourage excessive exploitation of groundwater;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of other action plans for the conservation of water;

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(d) whether residential complexes and agriculture will be exempted, while charging the industries for commercial exploitation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by what time the action plan will be ready?

Polluted river stretches

2311. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Pollution Control Board in its 2015 report, had identified 302 polluted stretches on 275 rivers, spanning 28 States and six Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the increase in numbers of polluted stretches, reflects higher pollution levels as well as an increase in requirement of setting up more water quality monitoring stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Depletion in groundwater level

2312. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
DR. L.
HANUMANTHAIAH:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS
(RETD.):

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a constant depletion in groundwater level in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be

taken by Government to deal with this critical situation?

Provision of arsenic free piped drinking water

2313. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of households which are being provided with arsenic free piped drinking water as on 1st December 2019, State-wise;

(b) the details of households which were equipped with arsenic free piped water as on 31st December, 2018, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the above purpose during 2019-20, State-wise?

Declaration of ODF under SBM

†2314. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:
Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages and cities have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), if so, the details thereof, States/ Union Territories/blocks/villages, date-wise; and

(b) the details of number of toilets that have been built and fund spent so far since the start of this project in the year 2014, States/Union Territories/blocks/villages, date-wise?

Audit of Polavaram Project expenditure

2315. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is not reimbursing expenditure incurred on Polavaram Project by Andhra Pradesh Government due to non-submission of audit certificates of expenditure, incurred on the project before 1st April, 2014 by the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons as to why there is a delay in reimbursing the expenditure on Polavaram; and

(d) the details of reimbursement claims made by Andhra Pradesh Government on Polavaram expenditure, date-wise and the amount released and the amount yet to be released so far?

Improvement of irrigation facilities

†2316. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total irrigated agricultural land and land which is proposed to be irrigated in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large portion of irrigated agricultural land and the land which is proposed to be irrigated have been given to industrial houses, if so, the details thereof for the last two years; and

(c) the details of efforts being made to expand irrigated agricultural land and fund spent thereon for the said period, State-wise?

Pending irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh

†2317. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh and the time since when

they are pending with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for environmental clearance;

(b) the reasons for non clearance and whether the said projects would be cleared, if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rejuvenation of Yamuna river

2318. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken to check rising pollution in the Yamuna river;

(b) the steps taken by Government to check the flow of waste from factories across Delhi in the Yamuna river and reasons as to why those factories have not been shut down; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by Government for rejuvenation of the said river?

Increasing irrigation area of Rewa, M.P.

†2319. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an additional fund of rupees four crores has been sanctioned to the contractor, in acceptance of tender in order to increase the irrigated land area by 2000 hectare in Loni dam area of district Rewa, Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the amount of work of making of main and minor canals completed after conducting a survey by the department and by when this work would be finally completed?

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Amount of water wasted by water purifiers

†2320. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the amount of water wasted in the "Water Purifiers", installed in urban apartments is higher than the water getting purified by it;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to develop a technology for its reuse after conservation and purification; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Inadequacy of ecological flows notification

2321. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we are still far from cleaning the river and the ecological flows notification in this regard is quite inadequate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is considering to take any other concrete steps to clean river Ganga; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Constitution of committees for cleaning river Ganga

2322. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted several committees comprising of IITians and experts and concluded that 'aviralta' is a matter of great importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government gives first priority to cleaning of river Ganga and the second priority to ecology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Teonthar water flow scheme

†2323. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the area, in hectares, proposed for irrigation under the Teonthar water flow scheme of the Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh, village and acreage-wise;

(b) whether any provisional cost was given in writing for additional amount for the additional irrigation on the land other than the proposed land; and

(c) if so, the details of the villages and funds provided?

Rejuvenation of dead streams

2324. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for rejuvenation of the dead streams in drought prone areas, specially in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps for conservation of rain water at village and town levels; and

(c) the details of the funds spent by Government during the last three years for rain water harvesting?

Swachh Survekshan Grameen, 2019

2325. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

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a survey of Gram Panchayats in rural areas under Swachh Survekshan Grameen, 2019 (SSG) recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of villages proposed to be covered under SSG-2019, State/UT-wise along with the number of days in which the survey will be conducted;

(c) the details of the achievement made out of SSG survey conducted earlier;

(d) whether any award/cash incentives will be provided to villages which come first in the survey and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Factors for groundwater pollution

†2326. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of factors responsible for groundwater getting seriously polluted across the country; and

(b) the action plan formulated by Government to prevent water pollution?

Declining water levels

2327. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that if water levels continue to decline and the population continues to increase, a large part of India's population will be affected;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's per capita water availability has come down drastically; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken for saving water?

Depletion of water tables

2328. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that according to the Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) report released by the NITI Aayog in 2018-2021, major cities viz. Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and others are racing towards zero groundwater levels by 2020;

(b) if so, status of the report and the measures being taken to address the problem of depleting water levels; and

(c) the details of budget allocated for the same?

Underground aquifer mapping of groundwater

2329. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done underground aquifer mapping in those areas which have recorded a high depletion of groundwater levels; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to recharge the groundwater for identified aquifers?

Pollution in Ravi, Beas and Sutlej rivers

2330. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Central Government has been drawn by Rajasthan Government to high level of pollution in

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waters of Ravi, Beas and Sutlej rivers flowing downstream into Rajasthan;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Rajasthan Government has requested Central Government to take up the matter with Punjab Government to prevent pollutants from flowing into the water of said rivers;

(d) if so, details thereof and action taken by Central Government in the matter;

(e) whether Government has constituted monitoring committee to examine the level of pollutants in water of aforesaid rivers flowing into Rajasthan; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

**Community participation in
water conservation and
management**

2331. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any serious note of community driven water conservation and management, in over 100 regions in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka and North-Eastern States:

(b) if so, whether the conservation and management experiments can be replicated in other parts of the country by drawing upon an action plan;

(c) whether Government has any plan for revival of smaller rivers which are almost on the verge of extinction and have turned into drains or nullahs; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Construction of toilets in rural areas

2332. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has become Open Defecation Free as claimed by Government;

(b) if so, the details of number of toilets constructed with Government funds in rural areas, State-wise; and

(c) the details of accessibility study of the toilets for people living in villages?

Water crises in Rajasthan

2333. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Rajasthan has been facing an acute water crises;

(b) the details of measures being taken on war footing by Government to check the fast depleting groundwater level in the State;

(c) whether Government proposes to regulate the sale of submersible pumps to curb illegal extraction of groundwater; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made to engage people for groundwater source restoration in the State?

**Status of groundwater and irrigation
projects**

2334. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status report and

components of Green Climate Fund (GCF) committed \$ 43.4 million, projects in India for groundwater and irrigation projects;

(b) the status of this project in Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government has identified any specific focus areas under this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds disbursed to project for HGJM

2335. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started work on the Har Ghar Jal Mission (HGJM);

(b) if so, the funds disbursed till date on projects related to the mission;

(c) list of projects where work has begun and the estimated financial costs of the project, along with the projected completion date of the same;

(d) steps taken by Government to ensure that the quality of the water will not harm the users; and

(e) steps taken to ensure that the infrastructure being built for the HGJM will not lead to poisoned or impure water supplied to the users?

Underground water crisis

†2336. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the level of underground water is going down continuously in major parts of the country;

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

(c) the details of the efforts being made by Government to deal with the problems occurring due to decline in underground water table;

(d) whether efforts are being made to explore alternative means in respect of underground water use; and

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

Water stressed households

2337. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of water stressed households in the country, state-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to address the issue;

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce agriculture water distress in the country including States like Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether the drought affected States like Maharashtra would be accorded priority in "Har Ghar Jal Mission";

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey on drinking water by CPCB

2338. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board and other agencies have conducted any survey to assess the situation of drinking water in the country;

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(b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

Contamination of heavy metals in drinking water

2339. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas in the country that are affected by contamination of heavy metals like arsenic, flouride, mercury etc. in drinking water as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of areas that were affected by contamination of heavy metals in drinking water in areas in 2014, State-wise;

(c) whether there are any changes *i.e.* increase or decrease in affected areas since 2014; and

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

Harvesting and conservation of drinking water

†2340. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is serious about drinking water harvesting and conservation; and

(b) if so, the details of measures taken by Government?

Per capita availability of water

2341. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the levels of water availability per capita has decreased drastically in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof for each of the last five years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of proposed steps taken to deal with the deficit in water consumption and supply?

Weak financial condition of MSMEs

2342. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the weak financial condition of MSMEs, whose turnover is less than 10 crore which are burdened by heavy dues and are unable or have refused to pay their debentures/ subscriptions dues, as most of these MSMEs are start-ups or in their nurturing stage; and

(b) if so, remedial measures Government has taken to revive the sick MSMEs in the country?

Full time consultants and advisors with the Ministry

2343. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and it's various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31st August 2019;

(b) since when they are working and the details of total amount of honorarium/ salary/fees being paid to them, Department/ Institution-wise; and

(c) the mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?

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National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme

2344. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved aims and objectives of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(b) whether said programme and other schemes/programmes of Government have played a vital role to help micro and small enterprises to deal with the problem of stiff competition from goods imported from China and other neighbouring countries, if so, details thereof;

(c) number of micro and small enterprises which have become sick or closed during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise; and

(d) other corrective steps taken by Government in this direction?

Closure of Cottage and SSIs

†2345. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Ministry has conducted any study to find out the number of Cottage and Small Scale Industries (SSIs) that have been closed from 2016 till date, if so, the details thereof;

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

of people have become unemployed due to closure of Cottage and Small Scale Industries on a large scale; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to re-employ the unemployed people affected due to the closure of above mentioned industries?

Transfer of TADF scheme to other Ministry

2346. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flagship programme, Global Innovation Technology Alliance (GITA) has transferred Technology Acquisition and Development Fund (TADF) scheme to the other Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many of the companies have not been intimated or selected under GITA for grant of loan for three years; and

(d) if so, the action taken to clear backlog of Grants which are often delayed by more than three years?

Grant of funds under TADF

2347. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects have been selected for grant of funds under Technology Acquisition and Development Fund (TADF) under Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA);

(b) if so, whether many of the projects, selected for grant, are yet to receive funds even after three years; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to award funds to all projects under TADF scheme?

Contribution of manufacturing output of MSME

2348. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether contribution of manufacturing output of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in Gross Domestic Product of country has declined during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether the MSME sector has registered a negative growth rate in terms of enterprises and employment in country during the said period, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to improve the growth and performance of the MSME sector in the country?

Expansion of Khadi retail outlets

2349. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi India is considering to expand its retail outlets in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the last two years, the turnover of Khadi India has increased owing to increased demand for Khadi products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Technology Acquisition and Development Fund

2350. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched "Technology Acquisition and Development Fund" (TADF) in November, 2015;

(b) whether the schemes are being extended in respect of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for the acquisition and development of clean and green technology to bridge the technological gap at an affordable cost; and

(c) if so, the details of implementation under the National Manufacturing Policy and related incentives extended to the MSMEs in the country, including Telangana, State-wise?

Delayed payment for MSME services

2351. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the biggest problem faced by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector is the delayed payment for services delivered by it to the clients;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

Increasing export through MSMEs

‡2352. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a policy of increasing export through Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and encourage domestic production as an alternative to import;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the contribution of MSMEs sector in the economical growth of country is 29 per cent whereas 48 per cent of total export is carried out through MSMEs sector, if so, details thereof;

(d) the measures being adopted to enhance contribution of MSMEs sector in economic growth of country and to promote export; and

(e) the measures being adopted to increase international competition with help of MSMEs sector?

Loans to MSMEs

2353. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come up with any policy/scheme to provide loans to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) at lower interest rates and relaxed conditions of credit as compared to commercial loans; and

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

MSMEs affected due to financial crisis

‡2354. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various programmes and schemes have been affected due to financial crisis in MSME sector, if so, the details thereof and the details of lack of funds according to need; and

(b) the details of credit required in short term by MSME and the details of sources from which arrangement of funds is being made?

Contribution of MSMEs to GDP

2355. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to the GDP of India for the years, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, year-wise; and

(b) the number of jobs created by the MSMEs for the said period?

Employment opportunities in MSMEs

2356. KUMARI SELJA:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector has emerged as a highly vibrant and dynamic sector of

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the Indian economy that has immense potential in employment generation and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of employment opportunities are being created with the use of relatively less capital in the MSME sector and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) details of action taken by Government to boost the MSME sector by framing favourable policies along with measures taken to make MSMEs a major attraction for investment and job creation in the country?

proposed move to redefine the segment based on a company's turnover instead of investment in plant and machinery;

(b) whether MSME sector feels that with proposed benchmark of turnover rather than on investments in plant and machinery, there will be no difference between manufacturers and traders, with benefits accruing to both; and

(c) whether traders' bodies like 'Laghu Udyog Bharati' and the 'Swadeshi Jagran Manch' have come out strongly against this move and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Productive functioning of KVIC

2357. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been successful in achieving its objective of setting up the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake a review of the functioning of KVIC to make it more productive and result-oriented and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Redefinition of MSME based on turnover

2358. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector has come out strongly against Government's

Steps taken to counter Chinese goods by Khadi India

2359. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi India has taken several steps to help in countering Chinese goods in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Khadi India is committed to cooperate with all to preserve traditional art and craft of the people in many parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sand Mining Policy

2360. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a lack of coherent Sand Mining Policy across the country particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also aware of the fact that due to lack of a coherent Sand Mining Policy, more than 50 sand labourers have committed suicide, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Extraction of minerals in Andhra Pradesh

2361. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major minerals available in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of minerals and natural resources that Government extracts from the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of royalty being paid for each of such natural resource;

(d) the time when the last revision of royalty was made for each of the above minerals; and

(e) the steps Government has taken/proposed to take to revise royalty of above minerals?

Exploration of minerals in Manipur

2362. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any survey to explore minerals available in Manipur;

(b) whether it is a fact that petroleum and chromite were found in that survey;

(c) if so, whether any effort was made to commercially extract these minerals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disparity in airfares for Haj

2363. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while revoking the Haj subsidy Government had stated that several cost cutting measures will be taken and facilities for the pilgrims will be improved and a committee was also formed in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) reasons for high disparity in airfares from different cities of India for Haj?

Housing issues of minorities

2364. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any credible study to set up a legal mechanism to address complaints of discrimination against minorities with respect to denial of housing to Muslims in non-Muslims localities, if so, details thereof;

(b) details of existing schemes for the improvement of housing for minority communities to prevent discrimination;

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

(d) whether Government proposes to have any further programme for the upliftment of the minority communities, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance to Madrasas and Maktabas

2365. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of Madrasas and Maktabas operating in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated in the last two years for the financial assistance of Madrasas and Maktabas; and

(c) the steps taken so far to establish more Madrasas and Maktabas for the betterment of children?

Free coaching to minority students

2366. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coaching institutions providing free coaching to minority students in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the students who have benefited under scholarship, free coaching and allied schemes during the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose during 2014-19, State-wise including Kerala?

Pedestrians killed in road accidents

2367. 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 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 pedestrians getting killed on the roads?

Accidents on NHs caused by movement of wild animals

†2368. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether accidents are taking place due to movement of wild and abandoned animals on the National Highways (NHs), which causes untimely death of animals as well as human beings;

(b) the details of the accidents which have taken place on NHs, caused by movement of such animals;

(c) whether the dead bodies of such animals keep on lying at NHs and body parts are scattered around on the roads or getting crushed under the vehicles; and

(d) the details of steps taken to remove dead bodies of such animals from the NHs?

Construction of NHs and bypasses

2369. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
DR. L.
HANUMANTHAIHAH:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) the details of proposals received for construction of National Highways (NHs)

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and bypasses from various States, State-wise in the last five years including Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of the pending proposals of different States and by when, these proposals are likely to be approved;

(c) whether there is any plan for construction of any National Highway or bypass in the various States including Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to road traffic accidents

2370. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of road traffic accidents and the number of deaths due to road traffic accidents have increased in the year 2018 as compared to previous years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether measures have been taken to prevent drunken driving, as studies have shown that drunken driving is associated with high incidence of road traffic accidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Use of plastic waste in road construction

2371. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to use plastic waste in road construction in the country, after it was made mandatory in 2015;

(b) whether eco-friendly initiative of using plastic waste in road construction is economically feasible;

(c) whether Government has studied/assessed the impact of such roads and whether Government intends to replace bitumen with plastic waste in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fixing of liabilities for insurance companies under MV Act, 2019

2372. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 MV Act is restricting the amount recoverable from the insurance companies by providing the provision of fixing maximum liability by the insurance companies;

(b) whether victim of an accident would be provided with unlimited liability cover; and

(c) whether Government has any plan or roadmap, as to how they are going to implement the provisions relating to medical facilities to accident victims and ensuring the provision of safe and secure roads?

Progress of 'Bharatmala Project'

†2373. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing 'Bharatmala Project' to construct roads spanning 25,000 kilometers for border areas, coastal areas, religious and tourist places; and

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(b) if so, the current status of the progress of the project and the target set to complete the said work?

Sale of BS-VI norm vehicles

2374. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce sale of BS-VI norm vehicles shortly to curb pollution across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has barred BS-IV vehicles to ply on road after April 1st, 2020 and turned down the plea of the Government and automobile industry for extension of time to enable them to sell their existing stock of vehicles; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or being taken in this regard by Government to help the automobile industry which is already reeling under great losses?

Status of work on Palasa Project in Odisha

2375. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of and the present status of work on Palasa Paralakhmundi-Ramanguda-Bisakkatak-Mungada-Bhawanipatna Project in Odisha; and

(b) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Irregularities in construction of NH-29

2376. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 731 given in Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of third party which conducted tests of construction materials along with the details of tests conducted;

(b) the details of approved quarry along with the details of movement in this regard;

(c) the details of the tests conducted by Authority Engineer/Authorized Engineer; and

(d) the reasons for shielding the corrupt officials when concrete proofs for irregularities are available in public domain?

Modifications in Motor Vehicles Act, 2019

2377. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from All India Motor Transport Association (AIMTA) requesting for bringing modifications in the Motor Vehicles Act, 2019 with regard to Reduction of Traffic Violation Charges, Toll Plaza Rates, Diesel Rates, Third Party Insurance Rates, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any action on the request, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to solve traffic and parking problems

2378. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any fresh initiative to look at the bludgeoning traffic and parking related problems being

faced by the people especially in the metropolitan cities in different parts of the country;

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

Pathetic condition of road from Begusarai to Sahebpur Kamal

†2379. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the officer/agency responsible for the pathetic condition of the road from Begusarai to Sahebpur Kamal on NH-31;
- (b) whether Government would initiate investigation against the officer or agency responsible for it; and
- (c) the number of road accidents that happened on the said road on NH-31 due to its pathetic condition?

Visit to NDMC areas by State officials to study roads

2380. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials of Hyderabad, Telangana visited New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) areas in Delhi to study roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and outcome thereof along with future action plan prepared; and
- (c) the action plan prepared for development and change of roads including for draining and underground water system

especially when the heavy rainfall occurs in the Hyderabad city as many a time the said city was inundated and incurred huge losses?

Inter-State connectivity project

2381. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of projects under inter-State connectivity project lying incomplete at present;
- (b) the date by which the said projects are likely to be completed;
- (c) whether Government has provided financial assistance to the State Governments for the construction of inter-State bridges and roads that are important from economic perspective during the last three years till date and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise, particularly in respect of Jharkhand and Gujarat; and
- (d) the names of the States proposed to be provided financial assistance in this regard during the current year?

Loss caused due to accidents

†2382. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that great financial loss is caused due to increasing number of accidents in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any special steps to prevent the recurrence; and
- (c) if so, the details of action plan thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Drivers' Training Institutes

2383. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that more than 25 per cent of the drivers involved in the road accidents did not have valid driver's license;

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

(c) the number of Driver Training Institutes run by Government, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the amount of funds allocated and utilised in driver training and driver awareness, State/UT-wise?

Exemption for local people at NH toll plazas

†2384. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the number of places where traffic jam is caused on National Highways due to toll plazas and the number of Fastags issued which enable vehicles to uninterruptedly pass through the toll plazas;

(b) whether Government is considering to exempt the movement of agricultural vehicles of local farmers through toll plazas on NHs;

(c) whether Government is considering to exempt the vehicles of the local people

for their uninterrupted movement through toll plazas; and

(d) the number of toll plazas where the exemption is being given for the movement of local vehicles?

Steps to monitor toll fees

2385. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to decrease the ever increasing toll prices/fees at various toll plazas situated at various National Highways and Expressways; and

(b) whether any proper monitoring system has been put in place to track the payments/annual collections of toll fees on these National Highways and Expressways?

Connecting North-East region through alternative water route

2386. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to connect North-East region through an alternative water route;

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

(c) the details of time target for implementation of the proposed plan?

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Mumbai Port Trust Redevelopment Project

2387. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to redevelop Mumbai Port Trust (MPT) land in Mumbai, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether MPT, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation or private developers are involved in this redevelopment plan;

(c) exact area of land owned by MPT;

(d) the categories and activities into which the land is divided;

(e) whether Government has planned rehabilitation of existing occupants *i.e.* leaseholders/tenants/slum dwellers etc.;

(f) if so, report thereof;

(g) if not, compensation Government has fixed thereof; and

(h) whether Government would retain existing employees of MPT, if not, whether compensation has been fixed?

Status of operational waterways

2388. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed and made operational some waterways during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the number and length of waterways to be made operational during the next five years?

Rise in cargo traffic at ports

2389. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 major ports of the country witnessed a huge rise in cargo traffic during the last fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the growth was mainly attributed to increase in handling of coal, mainly coking coal, containers and petroleum, oil and lubricants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of Kolkata and Haldia Port

2390. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to privatise the Kolkata and Haldia Port; and

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

Upgradation of Ports

2391. SHRI ASHWINI
VAISHNAW:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on upgradation of ports and harbours in the

country during each of the last three years; and

(b) the facilities that were created during the said period?

Ganga waterway from Varanasi to Haldia

‡2392. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts are being made to make the Ganga waterway from Varanasi to Haldia suitable for freight to promote shipping activities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the water level in the Ganges is quite low, specially in summer season, at many places, along the route; and

(c) if so, the details of Governments' plan to deal with this challenge and desilting of river bed, in this regard?

Funds for various schemes related to youth and sports

2393. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS
(RETD.):
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether adequate funds are available for the implementation of various schemes/programmes for the benefit/welfare of youth and sports activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to

expand the scope of various schemes in the country?

Setting up new sports academies

2394. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up new sports academies in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of sports academies set up so far and proposed to be set up in the coming years, State-wise;

(c) whether these sports academies are fully funded by Government; and

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

Jawaharlal Nehru National Youth Centres

‡2395. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated/released and spent for Jawaharlal Nehru National Youth Centres (JNNYCs) during the last five years, State-wise, including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is planning to open more JNNYCs in the various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the number of new JNNYCs approved along with the details thereof?

Reservation for local youth in jobs

2396. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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of Andhra Pradesh has brought an Act providing for 75 per cent reservation to local youth in industries and factories and to impart training to eligible candidates for bridging the skill gap;

(b) if so, whether Government is prepared to bring such a Bill for making reservation for local youth in all industries and factories and also in Public-Private Partnership Projects and if so, by when; and

(c) if not, details of measures taken or proposed to be taken to provide jobs to local youth in industries and factories?

Construction of stadiums by SAI

2397. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stadiums/regional centres functioning under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of stadiums, hostels and regional centres under SAI where construction work is under progress, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether SAI is implementing any promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sportspersons and to nurture them to excel at national and international competitions and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of talented sports persons who are provided regular sports training under the sports promotional schemes, sports-wise?

Emphasis on sports in new education policy

2398. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has requested the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) or Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to ensure that sports becomes a substantial part of education to determine the achievement of a student;

(b) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has already announced setting up a Board for Sports Education;

(c) whether the Ministry has requested the Ministry of HRD to ensure that under the new education policy, sports becomes a part of education and that CBSE should prepare a system in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to sports academies

†2399. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance given to the various sports academies of the country during last three years, State-wise and sports-wise; and

(b) the number of functional sports academies in Madhya Pradesh and names of the sports academies which have been given assistance along with the amount and the time when the assistance was given?

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**Promotion of sports through
'Fit India Movement'**

2400. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to promote sports through 'Fit India Movement';

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

(c) the difficulties faced by Government in the promotion of traditional rural and indigenous sports in the country;

(d) whether Government has initiated any awareness drive for the promotion of traditional rural and indigenous/tribal sports, if so, the details thereof and the response thereto; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to encourage the youth to take interest in such sports?

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