

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, February 11, 2019/Magha 22, 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 — 160

Progress in production of Tejas aircraft

763. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is inordinate delay in production and induction of Tejas Light Combat Aircraft in Indian Air Force (IAF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any step to expedite the process of inducting Tejas Light Combat Aircraft into IAF as soon as possible; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

of National Cadet Corps (NCC) has shrunk over the years, because of limited resources, despite the fact that it is recognized as second line of defence in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of schools and colleges where NCC has its visible presence;

(c) whether Government has any plan to expand NCC activities to cover at least all Government controlled and aided schools and colleges; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to make NCC compulsory for the students of schools and colleges and if not, the reasons therefor?

Expansion of NCC activities to schools and colleges

764. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the activities

Subsidised houses to serving and retired army personnel

765. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

provide houses at concessional prices to serving and retired army personnel and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has recently conducted any survey to provide houses to the serving and retired army personnel who belong to Punjab and Harayana and if so, the details thereof?

Recommendations of the Hooda Panel

766. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hooda Panel on optimisation of the Army submitted its recommendations to Government;

(b) if so, the key recommendations thereof;

(c) whether it recommended for cutting down the size of Indian Army by creating a reserve, if so, the details thereof and the response of Government; and

(d) whether it is also recommended for setting up of a new directorate to accelerate technology induction, if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

Improvement in the capability of HAL

767. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government to improve the capability of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in last three years;

(b) the details of investment made and revenues or profits of HAL during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether it is a fact that despite challenges HAL has achieved significant growth revenue and profits in 2018-19, if so, the details thereof?

Post-retirement Medical Benefits to SSC officers

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

(a) whether Government has denied post-retirement medical benefits to Short-Service Commission (SSC) officers of the armed forces; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of army equipments

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

(a) the percentage of the army's equipment in the vintage category, current category and state of the art category respectively and the details thereof;

(b) whether the allocation in the Defence Budget is sufficient for the modernisation of army equipments;

(c) whether Make-in-India is being utilised to modernise army's equipment; and

(d) if so, the status of all defence projects undertaken under the Make-in-India-Initiative during the last three years and the details thereof?

Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and France on Rafale jets

770. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Inter-

Governmental Agreement was made between India and France for the procurement of 36 Rafale jets in fly-away condition from a French company Dassault Aviation;

(b) if so, the details of the time-line/time-frame when the Services Qualitative Requirements (SQRs) for the procurement of 36 Rafale jets in a fly-away condition were prepared and issued; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-line/time-frame when the SQRs for the previously agreed upon 126 Medium Multi-role Combat Aircraft MMRCAs were prepared and issued?

Disability pension/benefits of soldiers/veterans

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

(a) whether Government is considering putting an end to routinely challenging the Armed Forces Tribunal rulings and filing appeals against cases of disability pension/benefits of soldiers/veterans;

(b) if so, the time-line for the same; and

(c) any other steps taken by Government to end filing of appeals against disability pension/benefits to soldiers?

Status of internal Committee to examine recommendations of OMJC

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

(a) the status of the internal Committee constituted by Government on 19.07.2017 to examine the recommendations of One Member Judicial Committee (OMJC)

report with respect to feasibility and financial aspects of One Rank One Pension (OROP); and

(b) time-line for implementing recommendations made by the OMJC?

Encroachment of Defence lands

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

(a) whether there has been an increase in cases of illegal transfer of Government land in defence estates across the country during last three years, if so, details thereof;

(b) details of action taken against individuals/entities on the above cases during the last three years;

(c) measures being taken to prevent incidence of such cases in the future;

(d) whether Government has prepared digital database of the defence estates/land/properties in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) total defence land under the control of Directorate General of Defence Estates till date in different States/Union Territories of the country including West Bengal?

Employing ex-servicemen in services

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

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to ensure that judicious use of the services of ex-servicemen, in services such as patrolling ghats or acting as security personnel in domestic security purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Defence innovation hubs

775. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence innovation hubs are being set up in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the hub; and

(c) the names of the States wherein the hubs are being set up and the reasons/criteria in selecting the States where these hubs are being set up?

Recommendations of Shekatkar Committee

776. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the on-going army reform measures recommended by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) D.B. Shekatkar Committee, phased manpower cuts over two to five years involving 57,000 to 1,00,000 soldiers, will save ₹ 5,000 to ₹ 7000 crore a year in revenue expenditure;

(b) whether under a new concept of manpower restructuring, by forming bulked-up brigades called Integrated Battle Groups will replace division-sized forces; and

(c) whether the World War-II era, Army Postal establishments and Military Farms in peacetime will be shut down?

Procedure followed for Rafale jet contract

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

(a) the price of each Rafale jet;

(b) the manner in which decision to buy 36 jets was arrived at; and

(c) the manner in which Indian offset partner was selected?

Delay in building ships, cost escalation affecting Navy's upgradation plans

778. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that severe cost overruns and delays have besieged public sector defence shipyards, resulting in a cascading effect on the operational preparedness and technological upgradation of the Navy, costing the exchequer several crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that multi-billion-dollar effort to replace the Navy's warship fleet has got the Defence PSUs battling infrastructural constraints, as well as setbacks in the development of indigenised weapons and sensors and delays in trial; and

(c) steps taken by Government to achieve the inspirational target of manufacturing seventy per cent of defence equipment indigenously?

Procedure followed for the Rafale jets contract

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

(a) the exact date on which the Hon'ble 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 Negotiation Team; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Requirement of Air Force and recommendation note by Senior Bureaucrats for Rafale

780. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Government has made any change or revised any contract on Rafale deal that has been earlier signed with French Government;

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

(c) whether Air Force had made any submission to Defence Ministry of their requirement for the number of Rafale fighter jets;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any senior bureaucrat or Air Force officers made any objection or note of apprehension on the procedure or the way Rafale deal has been conducted with France; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Defence offset contracts

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

(a) details of offset contracts from Defence sector by Government in last three years;

(b) whether Government has conducted or is aware of any study, on the ways in which the offset contracts have benefited Indian manufacturers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has been able to develop a strong manufacturing industry to invest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the sector and if so, details thereof; and

(d) the total FDI in Defence sector during the last three years?

Status of Arjun tank

782. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as Arjun battle tank of the Army was rejected due to failure to meet the minimum operational requirements of the Army;

(b) whether certain changes were made for improvements and modifications on the basis of observation during Accelerated Usage cum Reliability Trial (AUCRT) and extended AUCRT of main battle tank, Arjun;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the status of main battle tank, Arjun as on date?

Clean drinking water supply

783. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched pilot projects for the supply of clean drinking water in villages and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NITI Aayog has identified some districts for implementation of clean drinking water supply in villages and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether all villages in U.P., Haryana and Punjab are likely to be covered under this scheme and if so, by when?

Unutilised funds under SBM(G)

784. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government allocation to Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 was ₹ 1,00,447 crore and out of this, only ₹ 52,166 crore has been allocated to the scheme up to 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the detailed reasons, as to why only 52 per cent of the funds have been allocated till date and proposals for utilisation of the 48 per cent unutilised funds, that are yet to be released, before October, 2019?

Bio-toilets in village panchayats

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up bio-toilets in village panchayats in Maharashtra State;

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

(c) the time-frame by which all the village panchayats are likely to be converted under the scheme?

Action plan for pure drinking Water

†786. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state whether Government has formulated any action plan to provide pure drinking water to every house in the rural areas of the country, if so, the roadmap thereof along with the number of villages which have been

provided pure drinking water under the action plan during last three years?

Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin

787. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin;

(b) the details of the funds allocated every year since the inception of the scheme, along with the funds released to States/districts and all the activities on which these funds were spent; and

(c) the minimum criteria for self-reporting of villages/towns/localities as open defecation free, along with the total number of villages/towns/localities that have done so?

Funds under SBM(G)

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

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

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the funds are likely to be released;

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

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Effects of global warming

†789. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:
Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the abnormal weather conditions like Tsunami, heavy rains and drought are the outcome of global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the regions which have been worst affected by the climate change;

(c) whether Government has conducted any scientific study regarding climate change due to global warming and its adverse impact on the country;

(d) if so, the outcomes thereof;

(e) the details of the discussions held at various international fora and agreements entered into; and

(f) the action plan of Government to tackle the challenges of climate change?

Funds for increasing forest cover

†790. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be
pleased to state:

(a) the area of forest cover in hectares in the country and the percentage thereof, State-wise;

(b) the national average of forest cover in terms of hectare and percentage;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) details of the funds provided by Government for conservation, development and enrichment of the forests in the States including Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise, State-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the details of achievements made as a result thereof?

Human animal conflict

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

(a) the details regarding rate of decrease in the population of animals and increasing rate of human animal clashes, especially attacks on human beings by elephants, stray dogs and monkeys, etc.;

(b) whether Government received complaints regarding attack of stray dogs in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether guidelines have been issued to deal with monkeys, stray dogs and cattle in the country and about sterilisation of these animals in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Coastal Zone Management Plans

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

(a) whether any Coastal Zone Management Authorities have been set up in States or Union Territories and if so, details thereof including composition and dates of establishment;

(b) whether any Coastal Zone Management Plans have been submitted by State Governments or Union Territories authorities to Government;

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(c) if so, details thereof, including date of submission and scientific institution or agency engaged by the State to prepare the Coastal Zone Management Plan, State-wise;

(d) whether the Ministry has approved any of these Coastal Zone Management Plans; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including date of approval and if not, the reasons therefor?

Solid waste management

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

(a) whether Government mandates segregation of waste at source and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the twenty largest cities in terms of solid waste generation in India;

(c) the percentage of waste that is segregated in these cities;

(d) names of cities in India which have notified their solid waste management policy under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016; and

(e) whether Government has added any elements of extended producer's responsibility in solid waste management and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

EIA of inland waterways projects

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

(a) the legal framework that governs the assessment of environmental impact of inland waterways projects and details

thereof, if no such framework exists, reasons therefor;

(b) whether Ministry has done any Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of inland waterways project underway, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to come up with rules to give EIA clearances to inland waterways projects, if so, by when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Asiatic Lion Conservation Project

795. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government launched Asiatic Lion Conservation Project to protect and conserve the lion population;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what way this project will help in conservation and recovery of Asiatic lions with disease management and modern surveillance techniques;

(d) the budget of the project and the contribution of State and Centre; and

(e) the present population of Asiatic lions, especially in Gir Protected Area and the total network of area under the Project?

Scheme for insulation of electricity line passing through Tiger reserves

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

(a) whether any proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government for Centrally

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sponsored scheme of insulation of electricity line passing through the areas of Tiger reserves is pending with Government;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be cleared; and

(c) if not, the reasons of its pendency?

Power of environmental clearance to the local bodies

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

(a) whether Government has authorised local bodies, such as Municipalities, Development Authorities and District Panchayats to stipulate environmental conditions while granting building permission, for the building or construction projects with built up area equal to 20,000 sq. m. and less than 50,000 sq.m.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had undertaken any study/awareness regarding the suitability of Urban Local Bodies /Rural Bodies (ULB/RB), availability of technical knowledge along with manpower at Municipality and District Panchayat level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Premature deaths due to air pollution

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India tops in deaths, under the age of five years due to toxic air and 60,000 such premature deaths were reported in 2016;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that around 100,000 children died in 2016 in the country between ages 5 to 14 years, due to air pollution of 2.5 particulate matter (PM);

(c) details of most polluted cities city-wise and State-wise; and

(d) details of stringent pollution control policy and plan to stop premature deaths in the country?

Deaths due to air pollution

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of deaths of people have come into light in various parts of the country including Delhi due to air pollution;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take the concrete and effective steps to reduce the air pollution; and

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

Automobile vehicles and pollution in NCR

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

(a) whether Government is aware that major cause of air pollution in National Capital Region (NCR) is due to automobile vehicles;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to impose some restriction on number of vehicles in NCR to control pollution; and

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(c) whether Government has any other plan to provide clean air to breathe in NCR?

Impact of emission of Green House Gases

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the report of the specialists, if the emission of Green House Gases is not checked, the temperature would rise by one degree in the coming years and would lead to increase in disastrous incidents of floods, cyclones, hurricane and storms, etc.;

(b) the details of occurrences of less or more of rains, floods, hurricanes, storms, cyclones and rise in temperature during last three years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that due to increase in temperature, the sea level is rising and thereby posing a threat to coastal cities?

Plan for environmental protection and afforestation

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

(a) whether Government has any plan for the protection of environment and to increase the forest area;

(b) if so, the forest area increased by new afforestation;

(c) the details of amount provided for environment protection and afforestation, State-wise, for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of the amount allocated and utilised?

NGT's ban on plastic materials

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

(a) whether various articles and plastic materials have been banned by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in all cities situated on the banks of different rivers across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has set up any monitoring mechanism to oversee that the direction of the NGT are followed in letter and spirit and whether Government proposes to involve some NGOs also in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Project Elephant

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

(a) whether Project Elephant is being poorly funded and has minimal staff;

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

(c) if not, the details of funds allocated, released and utilised along with the staff deployed per elephant for conservation during last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the deaths of elephants during the above period along with the causes of their deaths, State/UT-wise;

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(e) the deaths of humans due to the human-elephant conflicts during the above period, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether Government has issued any Guidelines for managing human-elephant conflict, if so, the details thereof?

Alternative to electric generators

805. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any alternative source of environment friendly fuel to replace the pollution causing fuel used in electric generators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal to use CNG or LPG based generators to make environment pollution free; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, then by when this proposal will be considered?

Lower Subansiri Hydroelectric Power project

806. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has ignored the recommendation of State Committee on the Lower Subansiri Hydroelectric Power (LSHEP) project regarding the safety and environment-related issues connected with the Hydroelectric Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the Subansiri Hydroelectric Power Project will be completed; and

(d) the estimated cost of the whole project and the additional amount required due to cost escalation caused due to the delay of the project?

Climate Change affecting rural poverty

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

(a) whether Government is aware of a Report which states that climate change will aggravate the rural poverty in the country;

(b) if so, the steps that will be taken by Government to look into this problem and tackle it;

(c) whether Government is aware that the Economic Survey of last year spoke about this issue;

(d) whether any internal study has been conducted by Government to gauge the effects of climate change; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Inspection of industries

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any surprise or on the spot inspection of polluting industries in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against such industries;

(c) whether the said industries have complied with the directions;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the industries which have not complied with the directions so far; and

(e) the action taken against the industries which have not complied with the said directions?

**Environmental clearance for
Vijayawada Terminal**

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

(a) date of submission of proposal submitted by Airports Authority of India (AAI) for clearance from the Ministry for a new terminal at Vijayawada 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 for EAC is going to be given?

**Vegetation cover to concrete
infrastructure ratio in
urban areas**

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

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

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

(c) if so, whether given ratio is accurately maintained in afore-mentioned 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?

Setting up of IIFM in Jharkhand

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

(a) whether there is only one Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) in the whole country; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to open the second IIFM in Jharkhand?

**Availability of statistical data relating
to Forestry sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that statistical data relating to forestry sector is not available;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal to create a database to have updated knowledge of forestry wealth;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is shortage of timber products, medicinal plants, paper, gum, rubber, raw material and fruits due to shrinking forests; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to overcome this problem?

Death of tigers

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

(a) whether it is a fact that tiger death cases have increased recently in the country;

(b) if so, details for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether there has been a nexus between influential persons, poachers and forest rangers responsible for causing death of tigers; and

(d) if so, the number of persons arrested during the same period?

Projects for promoting adaptation activities on climate change

†814. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central projects are running for promoting adaptation activities in several States of country under National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work progress made so far under these projects is commensurate with the target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Urban coastal Lands

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

(a) whether Government has lifted a

freeze on development of urban coastal lands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of Coastal Eco Zone (CEZ) projects in the country along with pilot CEZ projects approved for development; and

(d) whether port-based industrialisation consisting of coastal tourism, logistic parks, warehousing and fisheries development would also be planned in the coastal areas, if so, the details thereof?

Illegal manufacturers of polythene bags

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

(a) whether Government is aware that polythene bags below fifty microns in thickness were banned in 2016;

(b) whether Government is aware that these banned polythene bags are still available in open market and are widely used; and

(c) if so, the details of Government's efforts to stop illegal manufacturing of these bags?

International service of DD

†817. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people working with the international service of Doordarshan (DD);

(b) details of the personnels working abroad; and

(c) whether Government is

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contemplating to widen the broadcasting/telecasting platform at the international level on the lines of BBC and propose to establish a separate Radio/Doordarshan unit to watch and analyse incidents through the Indian perspective?

Registration of TV channels

818. 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;
- (b) the number of registered TV channels which have 20 per cent or more ownership by a single entity or group; and
- (c) the list of such channels?

'Mann-ki-Baat' on All India Radio

819. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total time taken in All India Radio and Doordarshan programmes;
- (b) the space and time occupied by Hon'ble Prime Minister during the last three years in its programmes; and
- (c) time taken by 'Mann-ki-Baat' programme and its translation in all the languages?

Amount spent on print and electronic media

820. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state details of amount of money spent on Government advertising in print and

electronic media during the last three years?

Rescue mission in the mines of East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya

821. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measure taken by Government to rescue the workers who were trapped in the mines of East Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya;
- (b) the present status of the rescue mission;
- (c) the details of the workers trapped in the mines;
- (d) number of lives saved through the rescue mission;
- (e) the total number of legal and illegal mines presently functional in Meghalaya; and
- (f) whether Government has made any order to enquire about the illegal mines of Meghalaya in the light of this tragedy?

Increasing output of HCL

822. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) has chalked out a strategy to ramp up output to 20 million tonne per annum by 2024;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that HCL is considering to reopen some of the closed mines;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that HCL is planning to increase their production capacity of Malanjkhand plant to five million tonnes and thereafter to eight million tonnes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Discovery of mineral reserves

823. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to discover various mineral reserves/deposits in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to explore more minerals in future?

e-Panchayat in UP

824. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of progress made to provide e-Panchayat facility in all the Panchayats in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of Panchayats which have been provided with internet/e-Panchayat facility and the number of Panchayats yet to get this facility, in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the time by which all the Panchayats in the country are likely to be equipped with the said facility?

Construction of Panchayat Bhawans

825. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayat Bhawans constructed in various States/UTs during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats that do not have Panchayat Bhawan in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh for construction of Panchayat Bhawans during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure the availability of Panchayat Bhawan to each Gram Panchayat in Himachal Pradesh?

Revision rules of BRGF in A.P. and Telangana

826. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to revise rules of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of the districts in these States along with the amount of funds given to them through BRGF during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has included local public representatives in the monitoring committee for monitoring the works undertaken in the districts under BRGF and if so, the details thereof?

Adherence to Manual of Parliamentary Procedure

827. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manual of Parliamentary Procedure (MOP), Chapter 11 (Subordinate Legislation), para 11.3.1 stipulates that rules/regulations/bye-laws will be framed within a period of six months

from the date on which the relevant statute came into force;

(b) if so, whether only 2 to 5 per cent of rules/regulations/bye-laws are framed by the concerned Ministries/Departments and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of rules/regulations/bye-laws that have adhered to the time-limit in the Parliament during each of the last three years; and

(d) the remedies adopted by Government to frame the rules of all legislations within the time-limit?

Ban on sale of liquor and alcohol near National/State Highways

828. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fully implemented the directions given by Supreme Court regarding completely stopping the grant of licenses for sale of liquor along National and State Highways and other areas near National or State Highways;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether there have been any instances of granting licenses for sale of liquor along National and State Highways recently; and

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

Four laning of highways in UP

829. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAIs Standing Committee on Finance has formulated any proposal to improve the condition of roads in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) whether Government has identified the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh where movement of trucks often leads to heavy traffic jam and if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the number of highways selected for conversion from two lane roads into four lane to provide relief to the people from traffic jams, during the last three years, till date?

Bharatmala in Gujarat

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

(a) the names of the districts in Gujarat which will be connected with the National Highways under the Bharatmala Project, Phase-1;

(b) the details of the works done so far in this regard; and

(c) the amount released for this work for Gujarat and the amount utilised?

Meeting targets as signatory to Brasilia Declaration

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

(a) whether as signatory to Brasilia Declaration, India promised to reduce road crash deaths and injuries by fifty per cent by 2020;

(b) if so, whether after a marginal

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decrease in 2017, there has been an increasing trend again in 2018;

(c) the total number of crashes and resultant deaths and injuries in 2018, State-wise;

(d) whether a fifty per cent reduction in road accidents can be achieved by 2020;

(e) if so, steps that Government is taking to ensure the same; and

(f) if not, the reason for not being able to meet the target?

Financial support for road accident victims

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

(a) whether there is any provision for insurance or any other financial support by NHAI or toll collection companies to the families of the deceased or those seriously injured in the accidents on National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government will consider providing relief to the families of victims, in future; and

(d) whether Government is aware of continuous increase in the number of deaths in the accidents on National Highways in Uttar Pradesh during last three years, if so, the details thereof?

Reducing road accidents

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

(a) the details of road accidents

including persons injured/deaths in the country during last three years till date, State/Year-wise;

(b) the reasons for increase in number of accidents in the country;

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to check the road accidents and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by Government to tackle the road accidents and the compensation paid by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NHs in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether more than 1000 kms. of National Highways are single lane and nearly 2,600 kms. of NHs are two lane in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, details thereof, district-wise;

(c) reasons that such huge length of NHs are still languishing with single or two lanes;

(d) details of constraints that the Ministry is facing to convert these into four/six lane roads;

(e) efforts made by this Ministry to overcome those constraints; and

(f) length in kilometers in A.P. that are going to be converted into four lane and six lane out of proposed 2,700 kms. in 2016-17?

Road projects in NE region

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

(a) the details of the steps taken by

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Government for the development of the North-Eastern region;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to make a network of roads for the development of the North-Eastern region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of highway projects

836. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure that all land and environmental clearances are obtained before awarding highway projects to concessionaires;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is taking any step to establish a dispute redressal mechanism for clearing stressed or delayed road projects; and

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

Conversion of fuel driven vehicles into electric vehicles

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to convert the petrol and diesel run Government vehicles into electric run vehicles;

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

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

Average length of constructed roads

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

(a) whether Government has maintained any data relating to average length of roads constructed per day, during the last three years;

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

(c) whether the rate of construction of roads per day has increased during the last three years as compared to the period from 2009—2014; and

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

Maintenance and modernisation of rural roads

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

(a) whether any proposal from State Governments of Jharkhand and Gujarat regarding maintenance and modernisation of roads in the rural areas is lying pending with Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering the aforesaid proposals;

(d) if so, the details along with the current status thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of NH development in Kerala

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

(a) the detailed status report of various

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National Highway development projects in Kerala;

(b) details of time-frame, if any, set for the tenders, notifications progress and completion of development projects in Kerala; and

(c) the reasons for delay, if any, in the progress of the NH development projects in Kerala?

Expansion of Gutti-Tadipatri Highway

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

(a) whether the Ministry has given its acceptance to the expansion of Gutti-Tadipatri Highway into a four lane road and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of quantum of funds being allocated for this expansion work; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to complete the work, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of highways in UP

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

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

(a) the status of the construction work of Gorakhpur-Kushinagar four lane, Gorakhpur-Varanasi four lane and Kalesar to Jungle Kaudiya four lane bypass;

(b) the status of other, under construction roads of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the date of announcement for the construction of these roads and the target for their completion;

(d) whether it is a fact that construction of these roads is far, from its set target;

(e) whether the construction cost of these roads have been raised or is being contemplated to be raised due to this delay; and

(f) the reasons for the delay in construction work of the said roads?

Widening of NH-43

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

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

(a) whether the work of widening of the Katni to Gumla section of National Highway No.43, has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in widening of the road and the action taken for not adhering to time-line; and

(c) whether the set standards for widening of road are being followed so that local people do not suffer?

Construction of NHs in Bihar

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

(a) the amount allocated for the construction and repairing of National Highways in Bihar during the current financial year, National Highway-wise;

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(b) the progress made in the construction work of Buxar-Patna four lane NH and by when it would be completed; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction work of this highway is sluggish due to land acquisition related hurdles and slow pace of work by construction company?

Six-laning of NH-8

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

(a) whether the travel-time from Gurgaon to Jaipur due to the six-laning of NH-8 has been reduced to three and a half hours as promised by the Ministry in 2016;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of hindrances faced;

(c) whether the overbridges and underpasses have been built fully and are operational on the Delhi- Jaipur stretch of NH-8, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of accidents, fatal and otherwise which have taken place in the last three years on NH-8 on the Delhi-Jaipur stretch; and

(e) the details of funds allocated and spent on the Delhi-Jaipur stretch of NH-8?

Pending construction of roads

846. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) kilometre of roads constructed during the Financial Years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, with a break-up of road, State-wise;

(b) number of tenders floated and contracts awarded thereafter for the road construction during the said FYs in the country;

(c) length in kilometres of roads for which bidding process is still pending and the total worth of these bids; and

(d) length in kilometres of roads pending for construction whose bidding process have been completed during FYs 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the total worth of these tenders for the road construction with break-up, State-wise?

Regulation of shared cab services

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

(a) whether any guidelines have been devised by Government for the regulation of shared cab services in the country for their better monitoring and effective use;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Bengaluru Peripheral Ring Road Project

848. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has agreed to assist the Bengaluru Peripheral Ring Road Project (BPRR);

(b) if so, the reasons as to why the Ministry has changed its view and decided to fund the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) instead of BPRR;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Karnataka has written to Central Government for assistance to BPRR; and

(d) if so, reasons as to why Ministry can not fund both BPRR and STRR?

Airstrips on NH

849. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
GUPTA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to set up 29 airstrips on National Highways at strategic locations for emergency landings by fighter aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with names of highways proposed to be selected for the purpose;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on some highways, stretches will be made in a manner that allows combat aircraft to land in case of emergencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction, repair and maintenance of highways in Maharashtra

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

(a) the target set by Government, in kilometres, for construction of National Highways during the financial year 2018-19;

(b) the average daily pace of construction of highways and whether this pace is in line with the average daily speed set to achieve the target; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the length in kilometres, of highways passing through Maharashtra;

(d) the details of the funds allocated to Maharashtra in each of the last three years for the maintenance and repair of these highways; and

(e) whether this allocation has been

adequate for the maintenance of the highways?

Registering and licensing authority under Motor Vehicles Act

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the registering and licensing authority presently lies with the State Government and the power of State Government in fixing jurisdiction is being removed in Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the major issues raised against the bill by the stakeholders and State representatives?

Construction of Highways

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had fixed a target of constructing more than 16,000 kilometres of roads in the year 2018-19;

(b) if so, the target achieved so far; and

(c) details of steps being taken to achieve this target?

Reduction in road accidents

853. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of road accidents and resultant deaths and injuries in 2018, State-wise;

(b) whether a fifty per cent reduction in road accidents can be achieved by 2020;

(c) if so, steps taken by Government to ensure the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not being able to meet the target?

Complaints against poor maintenance of National Highways (NHs)

854. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received many complaints against poor maintenance of National Highways (NHs) during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the remedial steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the proposals approved by Government received from various State Governments including Assam for the maintenance of National Highways (NHs); and

(d) the details of pending proposals, if any, along with the reasons therefor and by when the same are likely to be cleared, State-wise?

Projects in West Bengal

855. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of all the projects sanctioned by the Ministry in past three years in the State of West Bengal;

(b) details of the status of those projects, along with deadlines;

(c) details of the projects that have failed to meet the respective deadlines; and

(d) details of all the projects that are

being planned for being launched in the next one year?

Toilet complexes at toll booths

856. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has any proposal to construct toilet complexes and kiosks at every toll booth on the National Highways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NHAI has any proposal to station ambulances and fire tenders at the toll booths to press them into service in the event of an accident on the National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the scheme?

Villages adopted under Adarsh Gram Yojana

857. SHRI RAVIPRAKASH VERMA: SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria for declaration of a village as Adarsh Gram under Adarsh Gram Yojana;

(b) the details of villages adopted as Adarsh Gram under the scheme during 2018-19 till 31st January, 2019;

(c) the details of adopted villages developed as Adarsh Gram during 2018-19 till date, as per the above criteria, State-wise; and

(d) the details of villages developed as Adarsh Grams in Uttar Pradesh so far, district-wise and year-wise since 2014 till date?

Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana

†858. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the purpose of Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana -Rashtriya Gramin Aajeevika Mission is to ensure access to eight to nine crore poor rural families and connect one woman member of each family with women self help groups (SHGs) and unions whose relatives are working at rural level and higher levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the progress made so far in the aforesaid purpose of Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-Rashtriya Gramin Aajeevika Mission is progressing as per its target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Curbing rural migration rate

†859. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of rural migration rate during the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2017-18;

(b) measures taken by Government to curb rural migration; and

(c) name of ten States from where rural migration is highest and the comparative rate of rural migration in these States?

MGNREGA in AP

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

(a) total amount allocated by the Ministry for MGNREGA to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) details of household families that have sought employment and got employment under MGNREGA during the above period, district-wise;

(c) details of assets created, district-wise, during the above period;

(d) whether Ministry found any diversion/irregularities in implementation of MGNREGA in AP; and

(e) if so, details thereof and action taken by the Ministry on the same?

Status of construction of all weather roads under PMGSY

861. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made as regards constructing all weather roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise during the last three years;

(b) details of proposals received from State Government of Kerala and Andhra Pradesh during this period; and

(c) the amount sanctioned during this period, State-wise?

Survey of landless labourers in Maharashtra

862. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey about the landless labourers in rural Maharashtra who are engaged in manual labour for livelihood;

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

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(c) welfare measures extended to these landless labourers of the State by Government?

Schemes for rural people

863. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes aimed at improving the lives of rural people presently being implemented in the State of Maharashtra, scheme-wise;

(b) whether these schemes have yielded the desired results in rural Maharashtra; and

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

Discrimination against differently-abled persons under MGNREGA

864. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that differently-abled persons continue to experience discrimination under MGNREGA scheme;

(b) whether the number of differently-abled persons employed under the MGNREGA scheme has increased in the last year and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of steps being taken by Government, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu, to increase the participation of differently-abled persons in employment activities in the rural areas?

PMGSY projects in Uttar Pradesh

865. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals received and sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) from Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether all sanctioned work under the scheme has been commenced and completed within the promised deadlines, if not, the reasons for delay in starting the work, project-wise;

(c) the details of proposals made and work currently underway in the District of Unnao in Uttar Pradesh along with the details of work sanctioned and completed during the last year within the district; and

(d) the measures taken to assess and maintain the quality of work under the scheme?

MGNREGA's financial statement

866. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MGNREGA's financial statement as on January 16, 2019 shows that fifteen States have a total negative net balance of ₹ 4,064 crore, which includes payments due for unskilled wages for work that has already been done;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that if this additional allocation is used to pay off these pending payments, there will be lack of money for fresh employment generation over the next three months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PMGSY in Maharashtra

†867. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects going on in Maharashtra under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the last two years;

(b) the funds allocated, released and spent therein during the said period;

(c) whether any particular exemption in the norms will be enforced in view of the recent fury of rain and flood in the State of Maharashtra; and

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

Low wages for MGNREGA workers

868. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) reasons as to why Government pays starvation level wages of ₹ 150-250 to MGNREGA workers, despite the fact that Central Government has accepted the Seventh Pay Commission's Recommendations, according to which minimum expenditure needs for a family to live in a dignified manner is ₹18,000 per month;

(b) reasons as to why MGNREGA workers are only compensated for delays that take place in first stage of wage payment *i.e.* till signing of Fund Transfer Order; and

(c) reasons as to why Government has not implemented the recommendations of Nagesh Singh Committee to revise MGNREGA wage rate using Consumer Price Index- Rural Labourers?

Pending funds under MGNREGA

869. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of outstanding funds, pending and payable to States under MGNREGA scheme for the last three years and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(b) whether any time-frame has been set to release such pending and payable funds under MGNREGA scheme, to States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Impact created by 'Aajeevika' NRLM scheme or DAY

870. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the impact created by 'Aajeevika', National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) or Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana (DAY) since its inception;

(b) whether the Ministry has set up any monitoring and evaluation programme for the schemes;

(c) whether any course corrections were taken up as a result, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

Impact created by PMAY - Gramin

871. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the impact created by Pradhan

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Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)- Gramin since its inception;

(b) whether the Ministry has set up any monitoring and evaluation programme of the scheme;

(c) whether any course corrections were taken up as a result, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons as to why an evaluation mechanism was not set up?

MGNREGA funds for M.P.

872. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by the Central Government under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme to the State of Madhya Pradesh in last three years;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under MGNREGA in the State, district-wise; and

(c) the funds likely to be advanced to the State Government during the next three years?

Repair and maintenance of PMGSY roads

†873. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mechanism has been established to ensure the quality of roads being constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana;

(b) the standards set for ensuring the repair and maintenance of these roads after their construction;

(c) the details of number of incidents of

violation of set standards regarding construction and maintenance thereof for the last three years; and

(d) the number of such lapses reported especially in Bihar and the action taken thereon, details thereof?

Diminishing job registrations under MGNREGA scheme

874. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under MGNREGA scheme, fifteen States have a total negative net balance of ₹4,064 crore, which includes payments due to workers for work already done;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in many districts throughout the country, workers who want to get registered under MGNREGA scheme, are not being registered because of funds crunch; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Additional allocation in MGNREGA

875. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been given an additional allocation of ₹ 6,084 crore to tide over the next three months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ninety nine per cent of MGNREGA annual allocation has been exhausted three months ahead of time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this raises the total allocation to MGNREGA

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for 2018-19 to ₹ 61,084 crore, which is the highest ever allocation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MoU of Ministry with Maruti Suzuki

876. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has signed an MoU with Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. for training rural youth for skill development under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Kaushal Yojana;

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

(c) the names of organisations with which the Ministry has signed MoUs for training rural youth; and

(d) the number of people trained during the last three years by these organisations?

Financial crisis of MGNREGA

877. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that MGNREGA scheme is facing a severe fund crunch with ninety nine per cent of money allocated already exhausted three months before the end of the financial year;

(b) whether Government is aware that severe payment delays and low wages are crippling the programme and depriving people in distress; and

(c) if so, Government's stand on this to resolve the crisis and details thereof?

Model Villages

†878. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of basic structure of best village namely 'Model Village' on the line of 'Model City' in towns; and

(b) the details of the provisions of encouragement/ grant to develop the same?

Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)

879. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objectives of the proposed SVEP programme and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has set any guidelines and time-frame for the implementation of the programme, if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of MPs in District Development Coordination Committee

880. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to include the Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Council (MLCs) in the District Development Coordination and Monitoring

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Committee constituted in each district to monitor Central Schemes like MGNREGA, etc., to check irregularities; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

Evaluation of NSAP

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to conduct a study to evaluate the success of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), a pension programme, rolled out few years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said pension programme has been suffering from implementation hurdles, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being adopted by Government to make the programme hurdle-free?

Pending wages in MGNREGA

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether wages to the MGNREGA job card holders have not been paid for months due to the lack of funds which has added to the problems of the labourers;

(b) the timeline for the payment to MGNREGA labourers and details of the States which have made payments after this timeline and details of the delay, State-wise; and

(c) whether not getting wages in time is a reason for MGNREGA labourers avoiding work in MGNREGA, which leads to the decrease in the work being executed under MGNREGA and whether Village Secretaries are being punished for this, by delaying payment of their salaries?

Unemployment allowance

883. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: 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 in case the work is not provided within fifteen days of applying for work;

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

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

Promotion of Science and Technology

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

(a) whether Government has taken any measure to promote scientific research in institutes/universities;

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

(c) whether there has been an increase in patents registered by Indian institutes and universities; and

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

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Privatization of Central Electronics Limited

885. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is trying to privatize the profit-making Public Sector Undertaking, Central Electronics Limited, by inviting applications from bidders to sell off hundred per cent of its stake in CEL, if so, the details thereof;

(b) details of the rationale behind the eligibility criteria for interested bidders; and

(c) details of the measures taken by Government for safety of jobs of employees?

High potential port-linked industries

886. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current status of progress in implementation of Sagarmala project, launched in 2015, which included setting up of high potential port-linked industries pertaining to 37 sectors;

(b) the number of manufacturing clusters that have been set-up till November, 2018;

(c) whether the claim to create 40 lakh jobs directly and 60 lakh jobs indirectly under the Scheme has even partially been achieved; and

(d) if so, the details of direct employment generated so far?

New ports under Sagarmala project

887. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Coastal

Economic Zone (CEZ) identified under Sagarmala;

(b) the number of CEZ identified in State of Kerala;

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

(d) the number of new ports under Sagarmala projects which has been identified;

(e) whether any new port has been included in the Sagarmala projects in Kerala; and

(f) the details of funds allocated for Sagarmala scheme to coastal States including Kerala?

Development of Smart Port Industrial Cities

888. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government planned for development of Smart Port Industrial Cities in the country, a few years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the places/cities selected thereunder;

(c) the present status of the plan; and

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

Financial support for dredging navigational channel

889. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Shipping is extending any financial support to dredge the navigational channel of ports such as Cochin, Kolkata, Haldia, Paradip and JNPT;

(b) if so, the fund allocated during financial year 1.4.2017 to 31.3.2018;

(c) if not, why such financial support has not been extended;

(d) whether the Ministry issued any directives to the major ports to invest the Provident Fund (PF), Pension Fund or Port Surplus Funds in the private equities and bonds; and

(e) if so, whether it will attract Section 88 of Major Port Trusts (MPT) Act, 1963 and would be considered against the Act of Parliament?

Vacancies in major ports

890. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Ministry for amending the Indian Ports Acts, 1908;

(b) if so, the necessity thereof;

(c) the total manpower at all the major ports as on 31.3.2018;

(d) whether the vacant posts against the sanctioned strength in major ports would be filled;

(e) whether the Port Trust Boards of Chennai and Cochin ports have the members who represent the labour interest;

(f) if not, the reason for not filling up the vacant posts of labour trustees; and

(g) whether the Ministry intends to modernise the port hospitals under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model?

Construction and upgradation of Sagarmala port

891. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sagarmala envisions rapid port-led development that will make the

coastlines a more integral part of India's growth;

(b) whether the construction and upgradation of ports and maritime floating infrastructure for maritime transport will require large quantities of high-grade steel; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to procure high grade steel for the project?

Waterways projects between Varanasi and Haldia

892. 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, 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, details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has conducted/ 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 details thereof?

Compensation for land acquisition in Polavaram Project

893. 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

is delaying the payments to farmers whose lands were acquired for construction of Polavaram Project under Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the area of land required for the project, area acquired till date and compensation paid to number of farmers and expenditure incurred and expenditure to be incurred under the new Act?

Cleaning of river Ganga

894. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) details of the projects as regards cleaning of river Ganga which were started since 2014 and continuing till date along with funds allocated and utilised till date;

(b) details regarding the timeline for cleaning of river Ganga that were announced by Government since 2014 till date, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is aware that 87 per cent of the waste from toilets in the State of Uttar Pradesh enters the rivers, if so, the details thereof and the action of Government regarding this problem?

Conservation of rain water

†895. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate measures for effective

implementation of Rain Water Conservation Programme;

(b) the details of the financial assistance given to different States including Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to evolve any new technology for harvesting of rain water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Capacity of rain water storage

†896. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have been requested to implement a programme of rain water storage in the country;

(b) if so, whether any estimate has been made with regard to the capacity of rain water storage in each of the States; and

(c) if so, the capacity of rain water storage and the percentage of rain water storage being done at present of each of the States, State-wise?

Schemes providing water for irrigation

†897. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the number of new water resources schemes launched by Government to provide water for irrigation in the country during the last three years and if so, the number of such schemes launched and the total amount of funds allocated for the purpose?

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RRR Scheme for water bodies

†898. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up work of the externally-aided water bodies in the districts of Gujarat under the Repair, Renovation and Rejuvenation (RRR) Scheme for water bodies;

(b) if so, the detail thereof, location-wise; and

(c) whether the aforesaid work has been completed, if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

Objection raised by States for Polavaram Project

899. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States are objecting to the construction of Polavaram Project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) details of the objections raised by the States; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to resolve the issues and complete the project in a fixed time-frame, as it is a National Project?

Revised estimates of Polavaram project

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

(a) whether the Central Water

Commission (CWC)/Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has offered any comments on Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) on which Andhra Pradesh Government had submitted second revised cost estimate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also communicated to the State Government that approval of revised estimate is dependant upon satisfactory compliance of the observation of CWC/CEA; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Completion of Polavaram Irrigation Project

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the completion of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) is getting delayed due to which there is exorbitant cost escalation in the project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will come forward to allocate one-time hefty allocation of amount for the early completion of PIP;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inter linking of Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar rivers

902. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments of

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Karnataka and Kerala have given their consent for inter-linking of Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar rivers for which Feasibility Report (FR) has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether consent for inter-linking of Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar rivers by State Government of Karnataka and Kerala was not obtained, if so, the reason therefor; and

(d) details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to obtain consensus from two State Governments of Karnataka and Kerala?

Time-frame for cleaning of river Ganga

903. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any target time-frame to clean Ganga and other rivers in the country;

(b) whether work in progress is satisfactory and as per the set time schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Deadline for cleaning of river Ganga

904. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the project sanctioned by the Ministry to clean the river Ganga, State-wise;

(b) details of the status of those projects, along with deadlines;

(c) details of the projects that have failed to meet the respective deadlines; and

(d) details of all the projects that are being planned to be launched during the next one year?

Criteria for categorising rivers

905. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any criteria for categorising rivers in major and minor category;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of major and minor rivers pertaining to States of West Bengal, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, State-wise; and

(d) details of expenditure made to clean rivers in West Bengal for 2017-18?

Funds for inter-linking of rivers project

906. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated work of river inter-linking project in the country;

(b) if so, the details of all river inter-linking project approved during last three years;

(c) whether Government has sanctioned funds for the river-interlinking projects; and

(d) if so, the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years, State-wise?

Repair and rehabilitation work of various dams

907. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any survey for repair and rehabilitation work of various dams across the country, if so, details of the amount earmarked for it during the last three years for the purpose; and

(b) the details of number of repair and rehabilitation work on various dams which have been completed and those which still remain completion?

Pending projects of Karnataka

908. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received several requests from various States/UTs especially Karnataka Government for grant of approval to the projects/schemes pertaining to various sectors viz. water resources, irrigation, desiltation, river cleaning, water conservation and management, dams capacity utilization etc. during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating name of projects/schemes sanctioned and pending for clearance;

(c) the details of ongoing projects/schemes and those pending for implementation/completion pertaining to each of the said sectors; and

(d) whether some of the said projects/schemes have incurred time and cost overruns and if so, details thereof and corrective action taken thereon?

Status of construction of Polavaram project

909. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the extent to which claims made by Andhra Pradesh Government and reported in the media that 60 per cent of work has been completed is correct;

(c) whether it is a fact that CAG has stated that completion of Polavaram project cannot be completed before 2019;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package for people displaced due to Polavaram project has not yet been completed; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and by when R&R package would be completed?

Survey by QCI

910. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA : SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent survey by Quality Council of India (QCI) 70 per cent out of 92 cities/towns surveyed, are discharging garbage into river Ganga;

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

(c) the details of the industries along

river Ganga which have effluent treatment plants as on date, State-wise;

(d) the details of industries along river Ganga which do not have effluent treatment plants and are discharging their waste directly into the river as on date, State-wise; and

(e) the details of action taken by CPCB in this regard during 2018-19 till date?

Pollution levels in river Ganga

911. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPCB has found that pollution levels in river Ganga, in its stretch as in States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar remained as polluted in 2018, as it was in 2014 and in Uttarakhand as it became more polluted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether CPCB had submitted this report in June 2018 but it was not made public;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, if not, whether the report is available in public domain; and

(e) details of findings of the report and action taken by Government to act on the findings of the report?

Restructuring of CWC and CGA

912. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Committee on restructuring the Central

Water Commission (CWC) and Central Groundwater Authority (CGA) in 2016 had highlighted the perils of unsustainable over extraction of groundwater and proposed to slap a levy for the first time on groundwater extraction by all users of groundwater except extraction by army, farmers and individual households;

(b) whether a World Bank Report titled 'Prudence: Pragmatic Action on issues of groundwater exploitation in India' has revealed that groundwater irrigated farms have twice the crop productivity than that of surface water irrigated farms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Action plan for cleaning rivers

†913. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the details of the phased action plan to cleanse and purify the water of various rivers including river Ganga and the details of various measures taken to achieve this target?

Completion of irrigation project in A.P. and Telangana

914. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incomplete irrigation projects which commenced five years ago in States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the reasons for not completing the projects so far;

(c) the current status of these projects; and

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(d) the steps taken by Government for early completion of these projects to avoid time and cost overruns?

(c) the status of work completed so far in the project along with component-wise expenditure incurred?

Recoveries from the Polavaram Head Works Contractor

915. 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 fact that State Government has been asked to recover certain payments made to Polavaram Head Works Contractor, beyond the scope contract conditions based on the report of CAG, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of payments made to Contractor not following the contract conditions and quantum recovered from them till date; and

(c) whether the Corporate Insolvency and Resolution Process started against the Transtroy (India) Limited under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has any effect over the recovery of these payments?

Supply of water through gravity in Polavaram project

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

(a) whether Government is aware that State Government is planning to give water to Right and Left Canals of Polavaram project by June, 2019 through Cofferdam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when Government would be able to give water through gravity in this project; and

Pollution in rivers

917. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the 22 kilometer stretch from Wazirabad to Okhla, Delhi of the Yamuna accounts for 76 per cent of the rivers pollution;

(b) whether Government has any plan to control the discharge of untreated industrial and domestic wastes of Yamuna from Wazirabad to Okhla;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh

918. SHRIMARTI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/granted under various schemes of the Ministry to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released under such schemes to the State during the last three years;

(c) the details of funds yet to be released/ due to the State; and

(d) the fixed time-frame by which these funds would be released to the State?

Reduced budget allocations for Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

919. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed a cut to the tune of ₹ 500 crore to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports due to low spending in the first two quarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the budget allocated to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the expenditure incurred in the last three quarters?

Infrastructure for promotion of sports

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

(a) funds allocated to sports infrastructure facilities for promotion of sports in country, particularly in rural areas during the last three years and present year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is considering/has taken technical and financial assistance from private institutions for development/maintenance of sports infrastructure, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether steps have been taken to ensure availability of modern sports equipment to athletes and whether regular sports training programmes were conducted for athletes/coaches;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any study has been undertaken to assess deficiencies in sports infrastructure and steps taken to correct them and improve India's performance in international events?

Support and encouragement for sports activities at global stage

921. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of remarkable achievements of our country in various sports disciplines including track events on the global stage;

(b) details of Gold/Silver medal and other category-wise medals won during the last three years including current year, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that sportspersons of our country in various sports events, including track events, are not given adequate support and encouragement to participate in sports activities held at global stage;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether Government is allocating adequate funds to promote sports and games in the country?

Talented sportpersons from rural background

922. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of International Association of Athletics Foundations

(IAAF) has stressed on importance of school sports in India;

(b) whether India has the talented youth from rural areas to make a mark in the international arena; and

(c) if so, the adequate steps that Government is taking to give a fillip to the school sports in the country, particularly in rural India?

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