

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, August 6, 2018/Shravana 15, 1940 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and Broadcasting;
Mines; Panchayati Raj; 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

Establishment of Indian Coast Guard Academy in Kerala

2081. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government had approved the proposal for establishment of an Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Academy at Azhikkal in Kerala in 2009, but the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change regretted grant of Environment and CRZ clearance as the site earmarked is classified as CRZ-I(A), where no construction is permissible as per the CRZ notification 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has asked the State Government to identify and make available an alternate location along the Kerala coast for setting up the academy; and

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

New Defence production policy

2082. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring in the new Defence Production Policy and if so, the salient features of the proposed new policy and whether it mandates transfer of technology to all foreign players who are awarded supply contracts; and

(b) the effect of the new policy on Indian Ordnance factories and to what extent the role of private players in arms production would be encouraged under the said policy?

Conversion of cantonments into "Exclusive Military Stations"

2083. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army has conveyed to Government that its

military areas within cantonments be converted into "Exclusive Military Stations", by excluding civilian areas for exercising absolute control over them; and

(b) if so, number of cantonments in the country and the reasons for bifurcating civilian areas from military cantonments and the details thereof?

Abolition of Army cantonments

2084. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to abolish Army cantonments across the country to reduce their annual maintenance by creating exclusive military stations out of cantonments;

(b) if so, number of cantonments in the country and the amount spent on total annual maintenance; and

(c) the details of the proposal and the time-frame for creation of the Exclusive Military Stations out of Army cantonments?

Performance of DRDO and defence industry

†2085. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of DRDO and Government run defence industry is not satisfactory;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps in order to enhance their performance; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of Tejas aircraft

†2086. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total time required and cost incurred to manufacture Tejas fighter planes;

(b) the total number of Tejas fighter planes handed over to the Indian Air Force, so far;

(c) the future plans with respect to these fighter planes; and

(d) the details thereof?

Casualties of soldiers

2087. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Soldiers of Army, Navy and Air Force killed in different operations/encounters during last four calendar years;

(b) the initiatives taken by Government to protect the soldiers in strife stricken areas and number of bullet proof jackets purchased in last three calendar years;

(c) the number of soldiers who took the extreme step of taking their own life in the last four years and steps taken by Government to improve the morale of soldiers; and

(d) the total sanctioned strength as well as shortage of officers in Army, Navy and Air Force as on date?

Infiltration across LoC and IB in J&K border

2088. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

deal with the uncertain infiltration across the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir border; and

(b) number of ceasefire violations by Pakistan on both the borders of Jammu and Kashmir?

Air training operations at Visakhapatnam

2089. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is of opinion that training operations for air crew is safe at Visakhapatnam, which has an oil refinery and oil tank in its vicinity;

(b) whether the Navy can consider to use the air strip at Badangi in Vizianagaram and would consider constructing another airstrip at Rambilli and Navy is also constructing Naval Alternative Operating Base for its training requirements;

(c) whether Ministry is also aware that due to Indian Navy's objections, international flights announced by Spicejet to Bangkok have been suspended and Sri Lankan Airlines also communicated suspending its services; and

(d) if so, what does the Ministry plan to do in this regard?

Model bye-laws of DCB

2090. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Cantonment Board's (DCB) obsolete building bye-laws of 1944 (amended in 1998 and 2002) do not fulfil accommodation requirements of cantonment area, for providing

accommodation to the increasing population and vertical expansion of the existing dwelling units is the only option and more than 5000 dwelling units face axe of demolition;

(b) whether model building bye-laws, 2013 as approved by DCB are still pending with Government for approval and notification thereof; and

(c) if so, the justification for undue delay and by when model bye-laws would be notified?

Vacant defence land

2091. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total defence land under the Control of Directorate General of Defence Estates till date in each of the cantonment areas including Punjab;

(b) the details of vacant defence land;

(c) whether Government gives land on rent for commercial purposes to private parties, the details of rent collected every year; and

(d) the proposals to establish defence projects on vacant lands?

Army personnel killed in anti insurgency operations in J&K and NE

2092. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of army personnel killed in anti-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East region during last three years, with break up details of officers and personnel, force-wise, and year-wise;

(b) the total terrorists and extremists killed/captured in these operations, year-wise during last three years;

(c) the amount paid to the families of the officers and personnel killed during last three years; and

(d) the pending cases of payments to the families of officers/personnel killed in these operations?

Closure of military farms

2093. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken an "in-principle" decision to close down all the 39 Military Farms spread over 20,000 acres of land in prime cantonment town areas, meeting only 14 per cent of the annual demand of milk by armed forces;

(b) whether high-yielding Frieswal cows numbering 15,000 have no buyers, given the high maintenance costs and are being transferred to State dairies or dairy co-operatives on a token price of ₹ 1000 per animal; and

(c) whether this long overdue measure will also free up more than 57,000 troops from non-combat duties?

Management of Defence landbanks

2094. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to bring a semblance of order in managing defence landbanks in and around the cantonments and monetise them wherever possible;

(b) whether the extent of land held by the defence is around 1.75 million acres

across the country with 90 per cent defence land situated within 62 notified cantonments; and

(c) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had red-flagged any instances of mismanagement of defence land either by local military authorities or unauthorized occupation of land where the lease had expired long back?

Budget for DRDO

2095. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total budget for DRDO for the year 2018-19, the total number of staff offices and activities or research projects undertaken and their outcome as well as other relevant aspects;

(b) whether Government has at any point of time undertaken any review or institutional audit of DRDO, if so, when was it done and the major observations and recommendations that emerged out of such review, if any; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Armed Forces Tribunal at Kolkata

2096. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Armed Forces Tribunal at Kolkata has become non-functional since last two years due to non-appointment of judicial member, if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the number of appeals heard and disposed of during that period;

(b) whether Government would consider to set up a regular or a circuit bench of the Armed Forces Tribunal in Odisha to

mitigate the hardships of the serving/retired Defence personnel; and

(c) whether Government would provide a Canteen Store Department Depot at Bhubaneswar, Odisha?

Indigenous manufacturing of defence equipments

2097. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of domestic companies in the manufacture and procurement of defence equipments is too low, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken/being taken for encouraging indigenous manufacturing of defence equipment; and

(c) the status of 'Make in India' initiatives in the Defence sector?

Uniform allowance to soldiers

2098. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to give uniform allowance to the soldiers of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Military training for school children

2099. MAHANT SHAMBHU PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans for compulsory military training for the school children in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Compulsory drafting of youth in Defence services

2100. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ever considered the compulsory drafting of youth, for at least two years, between the age of eighteen to twenty-five years to introduce a sense of discipline and respect for the nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not framing policy for the compulsory drafting of youth in one of the wings of Indian Defence Forces depending upon their qualification and skill?

Age relaxation for Defence personnel by UPSC

2101. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence personnel of Army and Air Force, below officers rank are deprived of age relaxation provided by UPSC for Civil Services and Central Armed Police Forces exams as by the time they complete the initial period of engagement, the relaxed age limit is exhausted and if so, the remedial steps contemplated by the Government;

(b) whether there is any recruitment rule for the Tri-Services of the armed forces; and

(c) if so, the rule thereof and if not, the manner in which the recruitment is made in three wings of the armed forces?

Dependence on foreign weapons

†2102. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has become highly dependent on foreign weapons;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating upon taking any steps towards making the country self-reliant with regard to weapons; and

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

Joint exercise of Indian Army and Japanese Army

2103. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian and Japanese Armies are going to conduct a joint exercise in the near future;

(b) if so, whether the exercise would be conducted on our soil or elsewhere; and

(c) whether it is going to be a combined defence forces exercise or exclusively for the Army only?

Construction of four landing platform docks

†2104. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of construction of four landing platform docks for Indian Navy has been held up due to some dispute;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to address this dispute?

Priority in recruitment of Army jawans

†2105. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government would consider giving priority to those States, including Jharkhand, in the recruitment of army jawans, where unemployment rate is high and youths migrate due to unemployment and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Groundwater contamination in Chhattisgarh

†2106. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the villagers of various districts of Chhattisgarh are consuming contaminated drinking water, which is causing various diseases;

(b) the districts of Chhattisgarh where groundwater contains Nitrate, Phosphate, poisonous Carbon, Polycyclic-Aromatic Hydrocarbon, Fluoride, Boron element and Arsenic and whether their quantity is increasing, thereby polluting the water continuously;

(c) the role of industrial wastes, which flows into water bodies through drains in polluting the groundwater; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) details of the different mechanisms established in Chhattisgarh for obtaining pure drinking water, district-wise?

Arsenic contamination in potable water

†2107. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to deal with the contamination of potable water laced with Arsenic in cities/towns/ regions;

(b) the policy decisions taken by Government for its elimination during the last three years and the steps taken by Government to spread country-wide awareness in this regard;

(c) the State-wise/Union-Territory-wise details of districts/ towns/ cities/ regions which are affected by Arsenic; and

(d) the details thereof?

Financial assistance for NRDWP in Gujarat and Jharkhand

2108. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is effective in Gujarat and Jharkhand;

(b) the details with facts and figures;

(c) whether Government has any proposal pending for external financial assistance for drinking water supply projects in the country and the details thereof;

(d) by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(e) whether Government has any guideline/policy for posing these kind of projects for the external assistance within a stipulated time period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Fluoride and Nitrate affected habitations in Andhra Pradesh

2109. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding habitations and people affected by high Fluoride and Nitrate concentration in drinking water in all the 50 mandals of Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any step to reduce Fluoride and Nitrate concentration in the drinking water in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GOBAR Dhan Scheme

2110. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY : Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources)- Dhan Scheme has been able to create wealth and promote energy from waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the action required to promote cleanliness in the village by economizing on waste generated?

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Safe drinking water to every household

2111. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of households, which have to travel more than half a kilometer everyday to get drinking water;

(b) whether it is a fact that over 30 per cent of Indians get their water from unsafe sources including untreated sources from tap and uncovered wells;

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

(d) whether it is a fact that less than 5 per cent of households get their drinking water from tap; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to supply safe drinking water in every household in rural India?

Non-allocation of SBM funds to States

2112. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated and utilized under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether there are a few States for which no allocation had been made; and

2113. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and districts of our country declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) till date, State-wise;

(b) whether any difference in approach is adopted by the Swachh Bharat Mission in comparison to previous sanitation programme in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Targets of Swachh Bharat Mission

2114. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) launched by Government has achieved its objectives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted by Government on the status of implementation and the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to achieve the desired target of SBM?

Installation of Arsenic and Metal Removal Technology for safe drinking water

†2115. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not installing Arsenic

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

and Metal Removal Technology for cleaning drinking water in the States which are severely affected by pollution of Arsenic and Fluoride in drinking water along with names of the States affected by the same;

(b) by when each and every district of affected States, would be provided Amrit Technology; and

(c) the details of released and utilised amount for Amrit Technology during current financial year, State-wise?

NRDWP allocation for Madhya Pradesh

†2116. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tolas, manjare and villages in Madhya Pradesh deprived of the facilities of drinking and tap water, as per norms of Government; and

(b) the quantum of allocation made to Madhya Pradesh during the last three years year-wise, under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and the details of the works that were executed by the State Government and the amount spent for the same?

Data on non-availability of potable water areas

2117. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the areas where potable water is not available in the country including Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Safe drinking water and toilet facilities in schools

2118. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any roadmap for providing safe drinking water and toilet facilities in the schools of Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided funds to the States for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details of funds provided to the States in particular to Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the results achieved thereof?

Construction of IHHL and PT

2119. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of total targets set under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) for construction of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) and Public Toilet (PT);

(b) whether Government has conducted a survey to assess the demand for toilets, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilised for construction of IHHL and PT, year-wise, since 2015; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilised for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Public awareness under SBM?

Arsenic affected districts

2120. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of "Sulabh Jal", Sulabh Internationals successful pilot project to provide low cost drinking water to Arsenic affected districts in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry intends to replicate the project in other Arsenic affected districts in the country; and

(c) if not, measures taken by the Ministry to provide access to clean, safe and affordable drinking water to Arsenic affected populations?

Achievement of MDG for drinking water and sanitation

2121. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set under the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) relating to drinking water supply and sanitation;

(b) the achievement so far in this regard;

(c) whether any guidelines are being formulated for public private partnership in irrigation; and

(d) if so, the details of the projects launched, if any?

Utilisation of funds for environmental protection

2122. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly ₹ 77,000 crore meant for protection of the environment are lying idle with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints about diversion of these funds to other areas;

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

(e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the proper utilisation of the funds in various parts of the country?

Problem of increasing e-waste

†2123. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the problem of increasing e-waste in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to solve this problem?

Pollution due to synthetic fertilizers and agricultural pollutants

2124. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

indiscriminate application of synthetic fertilizers has been polluting water bodies and destroying ozone layers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that agricultural pollutants have the potential to cause damage on a much larger scale;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken steps to identify the said problems;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government is taking any measures to combat the likely damage due to the said pollutants; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

E-waste produced in India

2125. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of e-waste produced by India over the past few years;

(b) whether the e-waste produced is collected and recycled, if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Draft forest policy and tribals

2126. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently released a draft forest policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said draft policy does not protect the interests of the tribals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ being taken by Government in this regard?

Pilot project by NEERI to control particulate matter

2127. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) will run the pilot project on installing equipment to suck in particulate matter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also working on remediation of landfills;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the remediation process involves removing of garbage from landfills, stabilising the slopes and covering these with permanent green areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for rescue and sustenance of stray cows

2128. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated for the rescue and sustenance of stray cows in Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai and National Capital Region since 2014; and

(b) the number of stray cows rescued and housed in Government aided shelters since 2014?

Repeated occurrence of floods and droughts

2129. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of repeatedly occurring floods and drought situation in the country;

(b) whether scientific and technological studies are being made to chalk out solutions for the situation;

(c) the amount spent on disaster management caused by climatic conditions during last ten years; and

(d) whether we can utilise the aforesaid amount for developmental activities in case a permanent solution is found out?

Forest land allotted to FMCG companies

2130. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prescribed rules regarding protection of environment on forest land that has been allotted to FMCG companies;

(b) if so, whether cases have been reported against the company for violating environmental laws; and

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

Pollution abatement measures in rivers and seas

2131. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken

effective steps to clean and clear garbage, chemical effluents and hazardous waste from rivers and water bodies in the country during the three years;

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

(c) the total funds allocated for the same, year-wise;

(d) whether Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with companies/agencies for the execution of these works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cases pending in Supreme Court and NGT

2132. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal against the environmental degradation;

(b) the steps taken by Government to counter the activities leading to the degradation; and

(c) the impact of the counter measures to contain the degradation?

Electrocution of wild elephants by electric fences

2133. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the death of wild elephants classified as endangered species according to the recent 'Red List' published by the International

Union for Conservation of Nature, on the edge of private estates in Kerala, due to contact with illegal, high-voltage, electrified fences; and

(b) steps taken by Government to stop the persistent use of such illegal and dangerous fences by private estates, when a directive has been issued on 11 November, 2009 by the Director, Project Elephant, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, banning the use of electric fencing in elephant-prone areas?

Poaching of leopards

2134. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than ninety three leopard deaths took place in just two months of 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the deaths were due to poaching, as evident from seizures of leopard hides and body parts; and

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

Funds for prevention of pollution in rivers, lakes and ground water

2135. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to various agencies for implementation of programmes relating to prevention of pollution in rivers, lakes and ground water all over the country including Jharkhand

during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the said funds were spent effectively, efficiently and economically for the purpose for which it was allotted; and

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

Thermal plants in NCR, Delhi

2136. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal plants located in the National Capital Region of Delhi and its surrounding areas, within a radius of three hundred kms.;

(b) whether these thermal plants have met or going to meet superior emission standards by the set deadline of December, 2019; and

(c) measures taken to save premature deaths and avoid respiration complications in human beings by implementing the superior emission norms?

Extension of tenure for EPCA

2137. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tenure of the Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA) which was scheduled to end on 4th July, 2018 has been extended by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason for extension of the tenure of EPCA;

(c) whether the functioning of EPCA is

upto the expectation and is being monitored regularly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures to tackle dust pollution

2138. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has taken a host of measures to tackle dust pollution, including the launching of three pilot projects to tackle polluted air;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Clean Air Programme is likely to be finalised and sent to States so that they can make plans to curb air pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Draft notification for environmental clearance relief

2139. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued a draft notification increasing the threshold of built up area for environmental clearance relief from 20,000 to 50,000 sq. metres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such projects will, however, have to fulfill environmental conditions through self declaration and certification, while seeking permits from local authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

System for GM food labelling

2140. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been contemplating a system for labelling genetically modified foods for at least two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the current laws, however, prohibit any GM food, unless cleared by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC);

(c) whether it is also a fact that through a 2007 notification, Government had exempted processed foods from this requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Draft policy to protect India's green cover

2141. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has come out with a new draft policy which calls for promoting urban greens, public private partnership models for afforestation, strengthening forest fire prevention measures and plantations in catchment areas to rejuvenate water bodies among several other proposals to protect India's green cover;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a new policy is needed to face challenges of climate change, human wildlife conflict and deteriorating environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pollution due to large scale use of polythene

‡2142. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale use of polythene is going on despite a ban imposed by majority of States in the country and the polythene associated industries are also thriving and if so, the steps being taken by Government to check the usage of polythene, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has failed to ban polythene which is responsible for pollution, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would take quick action to check the usage of polythene and if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of plastic waste

2143. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state

(a) the details of plastic wastes generated in the country every day, State-wise, specially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that each and every city and town is facing shortage of landfill areas and the main ingredient of waste is plastic;

(c) if so, the steps Government would take to impose ban on single-use plastics in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Encouragement of bamboo plantation

‡2144. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme is being implemented by Government to encourage bamboo plantation;

(b) if so, the amount being provided to Madhya Pradesh under this scheme; and

(c) if not, by when the special scheme would be introduced by the Government to encourage bamboo plantation?

Encouragement of plantation in private areas

‡2145. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

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

(a) whether any special scheme is being implemented by Government of India to encourage plantation in private areas;

(b) if so, the amount being provided to Madhya Pradesh under this scheme; and

(c) if not, by when a special scheme would be started by the Government to encourage private plantation?

New standards for emission norms

2146. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

in 2015 had notified the new standards and set the deadline of December, 2017 for emission norms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new standards aim to reduce emission of PM10, Sulphur Dioxide and Oxide of Nitrogen which in turn would improve the ambient air quality; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Landslide in environmentally
sensitive hilly areas of
Manipur**

2147. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether landslides in environmentally sensitive hilly areas of Manipur is a frequent occurrence, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;

(b) whether on 11th July, 2018, nine people died in Tamenglong district due a such landslide triggered by heavy rainfall and the reaction of the Ministry thereon;

(c) whether the Ministry will make a proper study to avoid such a phenomenon and find ways and means to minimize environmental degradation which leads to calamities; and

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

**Action plan on fly ash utilisation by
the States**

2148. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal

has directed States to submit their respective action plans pertaining to the utilisation of fly ash generated by the thermal power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of States which have submitted their plans with the Tribunal;

(d) the action being contemplated against the States who have not complied with the directive of the Tribunal; and

(e) the further steps being taken by Government/Tribunal to ensure that all States/UTs utilise and dispose off the ash in an environment-friendly manner?

**Early warning system for air
pollution**

2149. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up/ proposes to set up an expert group with a view to providing recommendations about an early warning system for air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for seeking recommendation from an expert group, when the SAFAR programme of Ministry of Earth Sciences already provides air quality forecasts;

(c) whether the expert group has given its recommendations;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the expert group is likely to give its recommendations?

Items covering Coastal Regulation Zone

2150. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the details of the items of Union List/Concurrent List/State List covered, directly or indirectly, under Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification 1991, 2011 and Draft notification for 2018;

(b) whether CRZ notifications are exempted from incorporating the values contained in Article 38 and 39 of the Constitution of India;

(c) if not, the extent to which they are incorporated and their physical quantitative results since 1991; and

(d) the details of the CRZ violations, complaints received, registered, resolved and pending since 1991, under all executive and judicial authorities?

E-waste recycling facility

2151. SHRIGC.CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is setting up an e-waste recycling facility in Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof, capacity of the facility and budget; and

(c) whether Government plans to expand setting up such facilities to tackle the growing e-waste generated in the city and if so, the details thereof?

Casualties of Army personnel in Jammu and Kashmir

2152. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of casualties of Army in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to decrease the number of such casualties?

Conservation of one horned Rhino

2153. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Central Government to conserve one horned Rhino in Assam;

(b) the details of funds made to the State for conservation of the above during the last three years, year-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether objectives of the above could be achieved, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether poaching of Rhino was detected frequently, if so, the details thereof and the details of penal action taken against the culprits?

Most polluted cities

2154. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has some of the most polluted cities in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of increased air pollution on health in Indian cities;

(d) whether any steps are being proposed by Government to ensure that Indian cities do not go towards health crisis brought about by increased pollution;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on print, electronic and outdoor media publicity

2155. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has spent close to ₹ 4400 crore on print, electronic and outdoor media publicity, since 2014;

(b) if so, the policy as per which it has been decided that the taxpayers' money is to be used for publicity and promotion for Government; and

(c) what proportion of this money was spent on awareness of schemes and how is the impact of the same measured?

Non-payment of casual teleprinter operators and typists

2156. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) had booked teleprinter operators and typists for the task of giving publicity time to various political parties before General Election, 2014;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that payments have not being made to above mentioned casual employees so far;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the said payments will be credited into their account?

'Maan ki Baat' with CM of States

2157. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio is planning to start programmes similar to 'Maan ki Baat' with the Chief Ministers of the different States, to be aired in the respective States;

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

(c) the number of programmes on 'Maan ki Baat' which have been aired during the last four years?

Prevention of misuse of media

2158. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

most of the problems like violence, rape, lynching etc. are the creation of tremendous outreach of the media and its unscrupulous exploitation by some for selfish gains; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to bring forward any legislation to prevent the misuse of media and if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be introduced?

Formation of media bureau

2159. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has merged different independent bodies into one media bureau;

(b) if so, the reasons behind creating a composite media body;

(c) whether Government wants to centralize the policy as regards, finance, legal and its control over the regional media centres; and

(d) how the bureau will help to integrate the regional focus and the independency of the units merged therein?

Establishment of community radio in rural and urban areas

†2160. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working towards streamlining and encouraging the process of establishing community radio in rural and urban regions;

(b) the details of Community Radio

centres established during the last three years and the details of disbursement of grants towards these centres, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government would consider making a policy of issuing advertisements to them from Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) and Information Public Relations Departments of States regularly and mandatorily for financing the community radio centres, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Guideline on duration of advertisement and original programme

2161. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an abundance of advertisement having more duration than the main programme during the fixed time allocated for the programmes being telecast on entertainment channels;

(b) whether Government has any guideline on the ratio between the duration of advertisements and original programmes;

(c) whether in many advertisements of cold drinks and vehicles, dangerous stunts are shown, imitating which results in accidental deaths;

(d) if so, whether Government has fixed any guideline in this regard; and

(e) the policy being formulated to compensate the loss incurred by the consumers due to misleading advertisements?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Illegal mining in Madhya Pradesh

2162. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 42,152 cases of illegal mining of major and minor minerals were registered in the State of Madhya Pradesh from 2009 to 2015;

(b) the names of the mining companies against whom the cases of illegal mining were registered in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the total loss caused to the State due to such illegal mining and the action the Ministry proposes to take in this regard?

Aluminium complex in Andhra Pradesh

2163. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind NALCO shelving Bauxite mining and investment made on aluminium complex in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that NALCO has recently decided to revive mining and investment made on aluminium complex at Vizag;

(c) whether application for mining lease has been submitted to State and Central Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that as per Samatha judgement, it is only the State Government which has to mine in Scheduled areas for minerals; and

(f) if so, the Ministry is planning to go ahead?

Auction of mineral blocks

2164. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sought the list of the mineral blocks likely to go under the hammer in the current fiscal from States like Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand and Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has sought the status of the statutory clearances of these mines that have been auctioned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions

2165. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the capacity building of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) during the last two years and the current year in the country, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any proposals from Government of Himachal Pradesh for enhancement of financial allocation under the RGSA; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto?

Recommendation of MPs in Panchayat

2166. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MPs have any role in

recommending works at Panchayat level; and

(b) the extent to which such directions have been implemented in the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

e-Panchayat project

2167. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on the e-Panchayat project;

(b) the total number of Panchayats at present that have been equipped with a Common Service Centre (CSC); and

(c) the total number of digital villages at present in the country?

Lighting of NHs

†2168. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no proper arrangement for lighting on the National Highways of the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Status of Nellore-Tada stretch

2169. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the Nellore-Tada stretch of the road in the State of Andhra Pradesh and by when it is likely to be completed and the cost involved; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Effects of increase in axle load

†2170. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to increase the maximum axle load by 25 per cent;

(b) if so, whether it tantamount to legalising overloading;

(c) whether any study was conducted to assess the adverse effects on road safety and pollution before taking this decision; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Expansion/repairing work of NHs in Bihar

†2171. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQE KARIM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of agencies which have been assigned the responsibility of repairing National Highways in Bihar by Government;

(b) the names of the National Highways which have been converted to four lane in Bihar by Government; and

(c) the time by which the target has been fixed to complete this work?

Accidents on NH-29

2172. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accidents along with the persons who died and injured on NH-

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

29 from Varanasi to Gorakhpur, package-II from kilometre 12 to 88 during last two years till date;

(b) whether no safety measures have been taken/deployed as per the guidelines of NHAI on the said section of NH-29 where four laning is in progress, in connivance with local NHAI officials;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and action taken against the erring companies which are engaged in four laning of said work; and

(d) if not, details of safety measures taken/deployed, safety measure-wise?

Status of NHs in the country

2173. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length in kilometers of National Highways which have been added/build in the country during last three years; and

(b) the amount of Central Road Funds allocated to the different States for the maintenance of States Highways and how much of that amount has been utilized by the State Governments during last three years?

Uniform code for PwDs to secure Driving Licences

2174. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of difference in procedure prevalent across States the Ministry is considering to bring in a uniform code to help Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) secure Driving Licences;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of National Highways

2175. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has built around 73 per cent more National Highways in its first four years till 2017-18 as compared to the last four years of the previous Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has constructed a total of 28,531 km of National Highways in four years since 2014-15, against 16,505 km by the previous Government in four years till 2014; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Green licence number plates

2176. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved green licence plates bearing numbers in white fonts for private e-vehicles and yellow for taxis;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government plans to allow youth in the age bracket of 16-18 years to drive electric scooters, besides mandating taxi aggregators to have a certain percentage of e-vehicle fleet;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the measure plan is aimed at promoting e-vehicles use and Government is considering exemption of permits for such vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to land owners for road at Pinnalur village in Tamil Nadu

2177. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether road is being currently laid at Pinnalur village in Bhuvanagiri Taluk in Cuddalore District of Tamil Nadu, making a new alignment of NH-45C on the Vikravandi-Kumbakonam-Thanjavur section and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether compensation has not been paid to the land owners of Pinnalur II as per the multiplication factor fixed by Government of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to direct the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to pay the balance amount based on the multiplication factor without further delay and Governments stand on this issue?

Bidding out of contracts for roads

2178. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government was hoping to bid out contracts for 25,000 km length of roads in 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the total length of roads awarded during the year 2017-18 was much less than what was awarded in 2016-17; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Economic viability of Polavaram Project

2179. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is of a view that the cost-benefit ratio on Polavaram Project after the revised estimates submitted by Andhra Pradesh is creating problem for economic viability of the Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether cost-benefit analysis was done for the project after the revised estimates and the essence thereof?

Status of NHs in North-Eastern States

†2180. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of new highways, in terms of kilometers constructed during last three years in the North-Eastern States of the country, the length of highways in terms of kilometers, constructed in these States before 2014;

(b) whether any plan has been formulated to inter-link all these States through highways; and

(c) if so, by when the target fixed is expected to be achieved?

Construction of bypass under Bharatmala Scheme

2181. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to construct bypasses in important cities of the country in order to avoid decongestion under Bharatmala Scheme;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the names of cities in Assam and other North-Eastern States proposed to be covered under the scheme; and

(c) whether the action plan has been finalized in this regard and financial allocation approved?

Increasing accidents in hilly States

2182. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has taken cognizance of increasing accidents in hilly States of the country;

(b) if so, whether Ministry proposes to come up with a Hill Road Safety Policy, as hilly terrains demand different considerations than roads in plain areas;

(c) whether such a policy is proposed, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the additional safety measures put in place in hilly areas as compared to plain roads and the mechanism put in place to undertake audit of the same?

Utilisation of funds for Punjab

2183. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for the utilization of funds amounting to ₹ 12,990 crore sanctioned for the construction of 1871 km roads for the State of Punjab;

(b) the measures taken by Government for the utilization of funds amounting to ₹ 1,420 crore sanctioned for the

construction of the roads, measuring 150 km for the Amritsar district; and

(c) the details of National Highway projects sanctioned in Punjab for the year 2018-19?

Plan to construct an alternate highway for Delhi-NCR

†2184. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the formula evolved between NHAI and States through construction of alternate Highways to make traveling comfortable and reduce traffic jam in Delhi/NCR;

(b) by when the work is likely to commence on this project and the role of States of NCR as regards expenditure that will be incurred on its construction;

(c) the framework under which land will be acquired for this purpose and the name of the agency that will carry out this work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rise in road accidents

†2185. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in road accidents during last three years;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the details of road accidents on National Highways during last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the cases of accidents have increased due to non-rectification of accident prone structures situated on the National Highways in hilly regions, which have been identified and for which suggestions for rectification have already been presented before the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Six lane road from Baramulla to Kupwara

2186. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to construct a six lane road from Baramulla to Kupwara, in J&K;

(b) the details of the construction of the roads in kilometres during the last three years; and

(c) whether roads are to be constructed during 2018-19 in J&K?

Death on Indian roads

2187. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian roads are the deadliest in the world and at least 400 people were killed every day during the year 2016;

(b) if so, the steps taken to bring down the number of road accidents;

(c) the measures taken to make roads safe for driving; and

(d) whether it is a fact that most footpaths in the country are encroached upon and as such pedestrians are forced to walk on road endangering their lives and if so, the action taken to clear footpaths from encroachments in India?

Measures to reduce accidents along NHs

2188. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to reduce accidents along National Highways;

(b) whether there is any scheme for victims of road traffic accidents similar to 'Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Scheme' of Karnataka; and

(c) whether Government plans to adopt the good practices of the scheme, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's ambitious Ayushman Bharath initiative?

Rural beneficiaries under PMAY

†2189. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for selection of rural beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) whether it is a fact that eligible persons are not getting benefit of this scheme in rural areas and whether there is a monitoring mechanism in place to oversee and ensure that eligible people avail the benefits of this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Status of SAGY

2190. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the villages adopted and declared/developed under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) till 1st August, 2018, along with the expenditures incurred thereon, State-wise; and

(b) the details of villages adopted and developed as Adarsh Gram till 1st August, 2018 by Prime Minister, Union Ministers, Minister of States till date, State-wise?

Status of PMRDFS

2191. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister Rural Development Fellowship Scheme (PMRDFS) is functional, if so, details thereof, State/District-wise;

(b) whether under salient features of PMRDFS, the "Fellow" is required to serve at the district level for two years, if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) details regarding the batches completed under this scheme, and the future plans under the said scheme;

(d) details regarding the criteria for qualification to be a part of this scheme; and

(e) details of districts in which the scheme is currently being enforced?

Roads under PMGSY in Madhya Pradesh

†2192. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned the upgradation of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the criteria and the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the length of roads which would be upgraded and the funds that have been issued to the State Government for this purpose?

Achievements of MGNREGS

2193. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development has conducted a study about the success and achievements of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in different States;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government in the light of the study?

Impact assessment of development in Gram Panchayats

2194. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

impact assessment in the Gram Panchayats that have been adopted under the program to measure the development of the gram panchayats; and

(b) the details of impact assessment reports, State-wise?

Funds under MGNREGS for Karnataka

2195. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Karnataka for wage disbursement under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS); and

(b) the details of compensation paid towards delay in the payment of wages under MGNREGS, till date to Karnataka?

Social audit and lok adalats under MGNREGA

2196. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether social audit and lok adalats have been put in place under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) across States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise break-up;

(b) the data of the total number of MGNREGA ombudsmen appointed in the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the data of the complaints received by MGNREGA ombudsmen in the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the most common or frequent types

of complaints received by ombudsmen under MGNREGA?

Status of MGNREGA

2197. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the average Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) wages over the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the average, man-days generated through MGNREGA over the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of households enrolled under MGNREGA who have been able to get work for 100 days and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the percentage of workers under MGNREGA who were able to receive their wages on time and if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of rural haat in Maharashtra

2198. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has decided to upgrade 3500 rural haats with basic facilities in the State to increase the turn-over of agriculture produce and increase the income of village panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Maharashtra Government has demanded release of adequate funds for the upgradation of rural haats from the corpus announced in the Union Budget 2018; and

(d) the action Government proposes on the request and by when?

Construction of houses under PMAY

2199. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of houses have been built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) if so, the number of houses which have actually been allotted to the beneficiaries in the last two years;

(c) the number of under-construction houses under this scheme; and

(d) the target set by Government for the next three years?

Outstanding payment for rural schemes

2200. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested for the release of outstanding payment for the early completion of various rural schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Irrigation projects, Gram Panchayat-Nagar Panchayats development programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it will be released to Maharashtra Government?

Variation in MGNREGS wage rates

†2201. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minimum wage rate in Madhya Pradesh and the neighbouring

States like, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; and

(b) the reasons for difference in wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) between Madhya Pradesh and other neighbouring States having similar geographical conditions and whether a uniform wage rate would be implemented in these States?

Delay in wage payment under MGNREGS

2202. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) definition of a delay in the payment of wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) by the Management Information System;

(b) whether the worker is entitled to a compensation if after the Fund Transfer Order (FTO) there is a delay by Government in crediting payments;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) if so, how many workers have received compensation for delayed payments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State-wise/UT-wise?

Low cost medical innovations

2203. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Biotechnology, in association with start-

.†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

ups supported by Government has developed several low-cost medical innovations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to market these low-cost medical innovations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether such marketing is likely to be done domestically or efforts will be made to export the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government for promoting better and low cost innovations in health care sector in the country?

S&T Cooperation Agreements with other countries

2204. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has signed any Inter-Governmental Science and Technology (S&T) Cooperation Agreements with other countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years along with the status of those agreements, country-wise?

Capacity utilisation at VOC port

2205. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total capacity utilisation and income generated during the last three years of VOC Port, Tuticorin has improved to a considerable extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any developmental activity or initiated new projects at VOC Port, Tuticorin;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Wage hike for port workers

2206. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bipartite Wage Negotiation Committee has agreed for a wage hike to port workers, as part of the wage settlement recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the wage will be revised every five years due to increasing Consumer Price Index and if so, the number of major port trusts that would get the benefit;

(d) whether the demand for centrally operated common pension fund for all major ports was acceded to; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Controlling stake in DCIL

2207. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the major ports have been asked to acquire a controlling stake in Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has set up a panel comprising Chairmen of some port trusts to discuss the proposal;

(d) whether Preliminary Information

Memorandum (PIM) has been completed after undertaking the asset valuation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Plan to check floods in Assam

2208. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

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

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

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

Debris deposition in Gaumukh area

†2209. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large heap of debris has been deposited in the Gaumukh area due to overflow of lake 'Neel Taal' following heavy rains, which lashed the Gaumukh area on 16th July, 2017, the emerging point of the river Ganga;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pile of debris has affected the beauty of that area as well as the water stream;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove the debris from this area; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Irrigation facilities for small/marginal land holdings

2210. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the current rate of net irrigated area among the total small and marginal land holdings in the country;

(b) whether there are any concrete plans to irrigate such land holdings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-State River Tribunals

2211. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing Inter-State River Tribunals in the country;

(b) whether Government has closed the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal recently;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has taken steps to ban political parties from creating obstacles in the formation of Cauvery Management Board; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Contamination of groundwater

2212. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 30 per cent groundwater of populated areas in the country are affected with contaminants;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Government has made any recent survey on the issue;

(c) whether Government has conducted a study, area-wise on extraction of water; and

(d) proposal of Government on over drawing groundwater and precautions taken to prevent any disease due to contamination?

Irrigation facilities to adivasi areas

2213. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 13.83 crore farm holdings, around 5.8 crore farm holdings are wholly unirrigated;

(b) whether it is also a fact that adivasi holdings in various States are more-irrigation deprived than rest of the farm holdings;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to ensure outreach of the irrigation facilities to the adivasi areas and holdings, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the hectares of land identified to bridge the gap between irrigation potential created and irrigation potential utilised since 2014, year-wise?

Rehabilitation of dams under DRIP

2214. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) and the funding pattern thereof; and

(b) the details of dams improved under

DRIP in Kerala and funds allocated during 2014-15 to 2017-18?

GIS technology on Ganga cleaning projects

2215. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to start Geographic Information System (GIS) technology on Ganga cleaning projects;

(b) if so, how it will help to strengthen the Clean Ganga project;

(c) the details of corrective measures undertaken by Government on Ganga clean-up project in the State of Uttar Pradesh and other States during the last three years; and

(d) the amount spent by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the details of projects under implementation thereof?

Conservation of groundwater

2216. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the groundwater level has been falling down due to large scale exploitation of groundwater resources; and

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for the conservation and preservation of groundwater resources including promotion of rain water harvesting for the purpose and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Interrupted flow of Ganga at Patna

†2217. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that continuous flow of Ganga river is interrupted at Patna and if so, whether dredging of the river has been done;

(b) the number of dredgers deployed so far; and

(c) the action plan for regular dredging?

Pending court cases against Polavaram National Irrigation Project

2218. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any pending court cases against execution of Polavaram National Irrigation Project;

(b) if so, the details of the cases pending court-wise/institution-wise; and

(c) whether Government has filed counter/reply affidavits in those cases and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Depletion of groundwater table

†2219. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been implemented to control the depleting groundwater table in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and the amount allocated for the plan?

River erosion in Barak river

2220. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Barak river in Assam is considered to be a pious source of civilization;

(b) whether Government is also aware of serious erosion of Barak river; and

(c) if so, whether Government intends to prepare action plan to clean-up the Barak river to contain river erosion?

Polavaram Authority meeting with displaced farmers

2221. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) had expressed readiness to meet the representatives of lakhs of displaced tribals, Scheduled Castes and farmers in April, 2018;

(b) whether it is a fact that a letter was sent from PPA dated 4th April, 2018 with NO. 7/1/PMO/2017/PPA/840 inviting them for a meeting;

(c) the reasons for cancelling the meetings and avoiding responses to Government's own offer;

(d) the steps proposed to initiate action for such delinquency; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the measure proposed to hold meetings urgently in a cordial atmosphere in public interest?

Depletion of groundwater level

2222. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been carried out regarding the groundwater level depletion across the nation, if so, the details and remedies thereof; and

(b) the details of funds released to Kerala to meet the drought situation from 2014-15 to 2017-18?

Depletion of groundwater

2223. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Supreme Court recently asked the Centre for immediate, intermediary and long-term measures to check depletion of the groundwater in Delhi;

(b) if so, the response of Government;

(c) whether groundwater level is also depleting in various States, especially in Punjab;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to recharge and preservation of groundwater level in the country, with details?

Proposals for inter-State river linking

2224. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has received any proposals for intra-State river linking; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Losses due to floods

2225. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to frequent floods every year in the country, there is a huge loss of human lives and animals, damage to houses and crops;

(b) if so, whether any study of losses suffered during the last three years in various parts of the country has been made and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been conducted for inter-linking of rivers to save the country from yearly occurrence of floods and huge loss to properties thereof and if so, the details thereof?

Proposals for development of sports infrastructure in Chhattisgarh

†2226. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to create basic sports infrastructure in the State of Chhattisgarh;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government, funds released and utilised for this purpose and the details of infrastructure created during last three years and the current year?

Revamping of the SAI training centres for Olympics 2020

2227. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to revamp the existing Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centres in the context of Tokyo Olympics 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to open more SAI training centres in order to train/groom more players/athletes for next Olympics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Providing basic infrastructure facilities for development of sports in Andhra Pradesh

2228. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the quantum of funds being allocated for providing sports infrastructure facilities in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of sports in schools

2229. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sports is not treated as education in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether it is impacting sports culture in the country and resulting in not winning any medals at the international events;

(c) whether the Ministry is thinking of bringing "Sports" from the State List to Concurrent List;

(d) whether any proposal has been submitted in this regard by the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of sports in the country

2230. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote sports culture in schools, colleges and universities across India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding Khelo India School Games launched recently;

(d) whether Government proposes to give any financial incentives to children who perform well in sports; and

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

Practice sessions abroad for players

2231. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any arrangements for practice sessions for the selected players/athletes abroad, with better teams and players, to inspire and enhance the motivational levels of those participating in the Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the games for which the players/athletes have been shortlisted for exposure and the countries where the practice session would be held; and

(c) if not, the other methods that Government has planned to enhance the skills of the players/athletes?

Funds for Judo players

2232. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI) have provided any financial aid for training of the players who have been selected for upcoming Asian Games in Jakarta;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of applications/representations received from the Ministries/SAI for financial aid to Judo players selected for Asian Games;

(e) the details of the financial aid provided till date, player-wise; and

(f) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by Judo Federation of India during last three years and current year, year-wise?

Allocation of funds for sports in rural areas

†2233. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to encourage sports in rural areas, Government had chalked out a special scheme for development of sports infrastructure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated, State-wise and at national level during the last three financial years for this purpose?

Promotion of mountaineering and adventure sports

†2234. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mountaineering and adventure sports are not given due promotional incentive by Government; and

(b) the future action plan of Government for mountaineering?

Pension to sportspersons

2235. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been paying pension to meritorious sportspersons;

(b) if so, the rate of pension being paid to such sportspersons;

(c) the eligibility criteria for getting this pension;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether there is any provision of pension to para athletes concerning Para Olympics Games and Para Asian Games;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total number of sportspersons in the country who are getting this pension?

Action plan for identifying talents in sports

2236. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether summer camps for various sports are being organised for children in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any follow up action is being taken by Government to identify potential raw talent amongst these youngsters, who can represent the country and if so, the details of steps taken to utilise their potential?

Illegal betting in sports

2237. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to look at legalizing betting in sports like cricket etc. to check illegal betting and generation of black money in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check this illegal sports betting market which is growing at a rapid pace in the country?

Establishment of stadia/sports academies

2238. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking of establishing Sports Academies in rural districts of States in country including Jammu and Kashmir (J&K);

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

(c) the number of stadia and mini stadia established under "Khelo India" in J&K;

(d) the number of mini stadia to be established in various districts of J&K in 2018-19; and

(e) the funds allocated for construction of these mini stadia and stadia under Khelo India and other schemes, district-wise/area-wise?

NYKs in Maharashtra

2239. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) presently functioning in the State of Maharashtra with location-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of NYKs in the State; and

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

**Facilities for improvement of sports in
Punjab**

2240. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH
DHINDSA: Will the Minister of YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of facilities available in

Punjab for the improvement and upliftment
of sports activities during the last three
years; and

(b) the status of the facilities for which
aid had been given?

NEW DELHI;
The 31st July, 2018

Shravana 9, 1940 (Saka)

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

INDEX

(Ministry-wise)

Defence	:	2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2152,
Drinking Water and Sanitation	:	2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121,
Earth Sciences	:	—
Environment, Forest and Climate Change	:	2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2153, 2154, 2155,
Information and Broadcasting	:	2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161,
Mines	:	2162, 2163, 2164,
Panchayati Raj	:	2165, 2166, 2167,
Road Transport and Highways	:	2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188,
Rural Development	:	2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202,
Science and Technology	:	2203, 2204,
Shipping	:	2205, 2206, 2207,
Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	:	2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225,
Youth Affairs and Sports	:	2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240.