

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, June 24, 2019/Ashadha 3, 1941 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Shortage of domestic supply of coal

134. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic supply of coal is suffering from a shortfall, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the impact on the power sector of the country due to domestic coal supply being lesser than the demand;

(c) whether Government intends to encourage imports to cover the shortfall in domestic supply of coal and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase domestic supply of coal?

Supply of coal to Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether Government has taken any stern measures to ensure timely supply of

coal to all Thermal Power Plants (TPP) across the country particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal supply rationalisation scheme

136. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal supply rationalisation scheme has been extended to private power producers;

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

(c) the impact of the scheme on the consumers; and

(d) the total savings accrued because of the scheme so far?

Action plan for increase in production of Coal

†137. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state whether Government would formulate any action plan to increase the production and consumption of Coal in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Demand and supply of Coal

†138. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the current quantitative status of the demand and supply of Coal to fulfil the needs of power and industrial sector in the country; and

(b) details of domestic production and import of Coal from abroad towards Coal supply?

New Coal mines in Chhattisgarh

†139. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) number of Coal mines started by Government in the State of Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) whether the household electrification programme has got a boost under Government's major schemes through various initiatives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of Coal blocks

140. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of Coal blocks allocated by Government in last three financial year, year-wise;

(b) the details of number of allottees who have started production of Coal;

(c) action taken/under contemplation so far against defaulting allottees for failure in starting Coal production, details thereof; and

(d) details of amount of Coal in tons, produced by the allottees from Coal blocks during last three financial years?

Ganga cleanliness drive under NGP

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

(a) the status of the Ganga cleanliness drive under Namami Ganga Project (NGP) and;

(b) the details of the budget allocated and funds utilized in the implementation of the project till date?

Allocation of Coal and reserve prices

142. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited (CIL)'s allocation to power sector has registered a decline of 6 per cent as compared to previous year, if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that privately owned thermal power companies have complained about increase in Coal reserve prices, well over 50 per cent of the notified prices in the Spot Forward e-Auction (SFeA) by CIL and its subsidiaries; and

(c) steps taken by Government in this regard?

Indian soldiers martyred in terrorist attacks

143. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian soldiers martyred in the frequent terrorist attacks during the last two years; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Army recruitment camps

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of army recruitment camps are held/ being held every year in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such recruitment camps held during the last three years and proposed to be held during the current year, State/ city-wise;

(c) whether the army recruitment camps were held during the said period at Madurai also; and

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

Soldiers martyred in AFSPA regions

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

(a) the number of soldiers martyred during the last three years in the regions where Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act is in force; and

(b) the number of soldiers martyred in the last three years in the border skirmishes?

Requirements of the Indian navy

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

(a) whether adequate measures have been taken by Government to meet the requirements of warships, aircrafts and helicopters in the Indian Navy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for awarding Ashoka Chakra

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

(a) the details of the guideline laid down for awarding Ashoka Chakra to the citizens; and

(b) the names of the persons to whom Ashoka Chakra has been awarded during the last three years?

Steps to promote 'Make in India' in Defence sector

148. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) steps Government has taken to promote 'Make in India' in Defence sector during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the several foreign countries are showing interest in buying Missiles made in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Nutritious food to Army Personnel

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

(a) the scale of healthy food supply to our armed forces;

(b) whether any special food is provided to them to keep them in good physical shape after the tough day-routine; and

(c) whether any permanent specialised food advisory mechanism is in place to monitor their healthy food needs to keep them fit to fight?

Upgradation of capabilities of Armed forces

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to modernise and upgrade the capabilities/ skills of Armed forces considering the relationship of our country with neighbours, particularly China and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancy in the Army

†151. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of vacant posts in the Army;

(b) number of vacant posts above the

rank of Second Lieutenant (Commissioned Officer) and since when;

(c) by when these posts are proposed to be filled; and

(d) the amount spent by Government on the publicity for the recruitment in the Army during last three years?

Field firing ranges in the country

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

(a) the number of existing field firing ranges in the country;

(b) the details of the criteria set by Government to open new field firing ranges;

(c) whether Government needs to open new field firing ranges, if so, the details of the places where the ranges are proposed to be opened;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from the Army to open a field firing range in any of districts of Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for procurement of arms, equipments, ammunition for the Army

153. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds sanctioned to procure arms, equipments, ammunition, etc. for the Army during the last two years, the details thereof;

(b) the percentage of the amount out of that utilised by the Army;

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(c) the percentage of amount out of that utilised for the fast-track procurement; and

(d) the reasons for not utilising the total sanctioned amount and the effect of that on the preparation for the Defence of the country?

Functioning of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

154. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to implement projects that are pending;

(b) whether non-payment of huge amount by Government has adversely affected the working capital of HAL;

(c) the amount paid so far in the last six months and proposed to be paid to HAL;

(d) the amount of arrears of payment of other contractors outstanding with HAL; and

(e) efforts made to improve the working efficiency and productivity of HAL?

Status of missing AN-32 aircraft of Indian Air Force

155. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been searching for the AN-32 Army Aircraft which has been missing for a long time;

(b) if so, the details of action taken to find out the missing aircraft;

(c) if so, whether the credibility of sophisticated satellites, other gadgets are at stake, as it could not find out the missing aircraft; and

(d) if so, the action taken to improve the Defence preparedness?

Reduction in supply of ration to Command Headquarters

156. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand of pulses from Command Headquarters were reduced by Director-General of Supplies and Transport (DGS&T) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of the criteria adopted for reducing the demand of pulses from Command Headquarters during last three years by DGS&T;

(d) details of the difference of demand of ration from Command Headquarters made during the last three years; and

(e) reasons for reducing the supply of ration by DGS&T to Command Headquarters, if any?

Study undertaken for delay in induction of various aircrafts

157. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study regarding inordinate delays that are occurring in induction of various aircrafts into the force including Tejas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any scheme to speed up the induction of aircrafts into the force from conception stage to final operational clearance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Data of martyred soldiers

158. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian soldiers martyred on the India-Pakistan border due to frequent terrorist attacks during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard and the time by which the terrorists can be flushed out?

'Make in India' initiative in Defence sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Make in India' programme is being used for defence procurement, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the details of the private Indian Companies operating in this sector along with products they plan to produce;

(c) details in respect to the percentage of procurement being done by the Indian Companies; and

(d) the steps being taken for being self-sufficient in defence production?

Modernisation of Armed Forces

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

(a) the details of the budget estimates, revised estimates and actual expenditure on the modernisation of Armed Forces during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been any underutilisation of funds during the said years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons for underutilisation of funds;

(d) the details of the amount of defence equipments imported by Government in the last three years;

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to boost the production of advanced defence systems in India, and use of indigenous technologies for the same; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Ecological impact of Char Dham national highways project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government by-passed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the 900 kms. Char Dham highway project through a loophole, that the project is a collection of 53 individual segments, all less than 100 kilometres in length, and thus need not undergo an EIA;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 25,300 trees have been cut and 373 hectares of forest land diverted for Char Dham Mahamarg; and

(c) steps taken by Government to mitigate the loss of forestland, vegetation and compensation to title holders of the land?

High level of air pollution in metropolitan cities

†162. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 are increasing rapidly in the cities of the country including Delhi which causes fatal diseases;

(b) whether the measures taken in the direction of decreasing high level of air pollution are yielding satisfactory results;

(c) whether it is also a fact that air pollution is causing deaths, if so, the details of such deaths during last three years and

(d) the level of air pollution in the metropolitan cities of the country over the general standards and its threat to the health?

Death of tigers due to poaching

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

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

(a) State-wise details of deaths of tigers which occurred during the last three years and current year due to poaching of protected wildlife as per the figures issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority;

(b) whether it is a fact that smuggling

of rare wildlife animals is the primary cause of poaching;

(c) details of number of the persons apprehended for poaching and smuggling of wildlife and the number of people got punished out of these in the last three years; and

(d) despite the steps being taken to prevent poaching, the reasons for the failure in completely preventing the poaching of wildlife?

Mechanism to compensate crop-loss of farmers affected by stray cattles

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

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

(a) the mechanism in the country for compensating farmers whose crops have been damaged by the stray, wild animals/ cattles;

(b) the extent of crops of the farmers damaged by wild animals and cattles every year and the arrangement Government is making to avoid the damages;

(c) whether it is a fact that the farmers themselves have to bear the loss of the damaged crops by stray animals due to which they are incurring huge loss; and

(d) whether Government will adopt a mechanism to compensate the crops of farmers damaged by the stray animals?

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Over use of potable water on cricket fields

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

(a) whether National Green Tribunal has recently expressed concern over use of potable water on cricket fields, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether an expert Committee has been constituted to submit a report on the steps taken to save water and if any time limit has been given to the Committee, the details thereof?

Draft India Cooling Action Plan

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

(a) whether the draft India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP) provides for an approach which enables cooling in houses for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and low Income Groups (LIG); if so, the details of measures envisaged;

(b) whether the ICAP provides for retrofitting guidelines for existing buildings, infrastructure and services; if so, guidelines developed therefor; and

(c) whether the ICAP will be integrated with Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana?

Steps to tackle deteriorating air quality

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

(a) details of regulatory norms being

taken to ensure the improvement in the air quality index in the NCR and whether similar measures being taken in other several Indian cities which have fared poorly on the air quality index; and

(b) whether there are any awareness programme being conducted amongst general populace regarding air pollution?

Deteriorating air quality in the cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Gaya, Patna, Muzzaffarpur and Srinagar have not been included in the list of non-attainment cities for the Air Quality Management Plan under the National Clean Air Programme despite being classified in the top 15 air polluted cities in the world by World Health Organisation (WHO);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is taking any other special measures to tackle air pollution in these cities?

Action against non-compliant industries

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

a) whether Government has taken any action against industries with respect to effluent discharge standards and for non-compliance under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 during the last three years;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lion conservation

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

(a) the details of funds allocated for the conservation of lions during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by Government for the conservation of lions in the wake of their deaths due to viral diseases; and

(c) the reasons behind Government not relocating lions from Gujarat to other States despite the Supreme Court order?

Schemes and steps to promote environmental awareness

171. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and the steps taken by Government for environmental education, awareness and training during the last two years;

(b) whether World Bank assistance has been taken to promote Environment Management Capacity Building Project in various States of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon during the said period, State-wise?

Encroachment on forest land

172. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of gradual increase in the encroachment on forest land have been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total forest area under encroachment and area evicted from encroachment in the country, at present, State-wise during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop encroachments on forest land in future?

Deterioration of forest between Mumbai and Goa

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the beauty of forest and their conservation is getting badly affected upto 500 kilometer around seabed between Mumbai and Goa due to deteriorating biodiversity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) efforts made by Government to avert these dangers?

Status of Coastal Regulation Zone notification

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently scrapped the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 and come up with a new Regulation 2018;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the new Regulations, 2018 have been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha;

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

(e) whether it is a fact that the new regulations allow development of infrastructure which will destroy the ecology of coastal areas and increase the vulnerability of coastal people to natural disaster thereof?

Study on petcoke ban

175. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is undertaking a study on the ban on petroleum coke (petcoke), an industrial fuel and an alternative to coal, which causes several times more air pollution than coal and proposing to ban its import on environmental grounds;

(b) whether Environmental Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority in its report of April, 2017 had recommended that distribution, sale and use of furnace oil and petcoke be strictly banned in National Capital Region;

(c) whether Ministry is considering a nationwide ban on use of petcoke by various industries;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Deterioration of environment in Khalari, Jharkhand

†176. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the local

environment has become severely polluted in Khalari area of Jharkhand due to coal overloading and transporting of uncovered coal, causing flying dust under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) siding;

(b) whether it is a fact that dust pollution has caused severe harm to public health and fertility of agricultural land and hundreds of people have died of fatal diseases caused due to this pollution; and

(c) whether the concerned Ministries have conducted a comprehensive study on the detrimental effect of pollution, if not, the reasons therefor?

Alleged irregularity in public hearing for environmental clearance

†177. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public hearing for environment clearance of a private company proposed Amtipani Bauxite mine in Bishanpur block of Gumla district in Jharkhand State had taken place 25 kms. away from the area in Banari in the absence of affected people;

(b) whether the affected populace could not know about it as the said programme was not adequately publicised;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is anger among the affected populace because of this; and

(d) details of Government guidelines and the persons who are ultimately responsible to ensure its compliance?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cutting of trees

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

(a) whether despite having strict provisions for cutting of trees, the number of trees are decreasing rapidly in country;

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

(c) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the reasons for failure in this regard in spite of increase in plantation of trees, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether data about cutting down of trees and violation of norms in this regard is available with Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) other steps being taken by Government in this regard during last three years?

Earmarking of funds for Corporate Environment Responsibility

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

(a) whether Government has introduced a provision under the guidelines to set aside funds up to two per cent towards Corporate Environment Responsibility for every corporate seeking environment clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the provision has come into force with immediate effect or is likely to be introduced some time later?

Impact of drought on environment

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

(a) whether Government has noticed the severity and the after effect of drought in India;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to face the challenges;

(c) whether any studies have been conducted on the impact of drought situation on environment by Government or by any agencies, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any drought prediction system is introduced by Government, if so, the details thereof?

Notification to ban red clay brick kilns

181. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued notification proposing complete ban on red clay brick kilns within three hundred kilometer radius of Coal and Lignite based power plants across the country;

(b) if so, the total number of job losses out of about one crore workers engaged in the red clay brick kiln industry at present;

(c) whether any plan has been envisaged by Government to re-deploy those most economically and socially marginalised section of workers, who will be losing jobs in red clay brick kilns when the above proposals are implemented; and

(d) whether any compensation is proposed for such workers?

Death of lions on railway tracks

182. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of death of lions/lion cubs on railway tracks passing through the prestigious Gir forest in Gujarat, the only habitat of Asiatic lions in the world;

(b) if so, the details of incidents of deaths of lions/lion cubs on the railway line passing through the Gir forest during the last three years; and

(c) the details of progress of the project to cover the railway line with fencing?

Conservation of tigers

183. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for conservation of the tigers;

(b) amount of budget allocated and released by the Central Government for conservation of the tigers under 'Project Tiger' during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is mulling over opening up the modern and world class diagnostic facilities for the tigers?

Pollution in the cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution is increasing in cities due to the callous approach of the authorities concerned who

are responsible for implementation of pollution related rules in cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of officers identified for being careless in implementing rules related to pollution recently along with the action taken against the said officers?

Plan for conservation of Great Indian Bustard

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

(a) whether Government intends to approve State Action Plan and release of 59.86 crores for Great Indian Bustard conservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for Tiger Safari in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether Government has received project proposals for sanctions from Rajasthan Government regarding establishment of Tiger Safari with globally acceptable infrastructure and tourist facilities;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government intends to approve proposal for establishment of Tiger Safari-Cum-Rescue Centre at Amli in Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve on priority and release the funds for the same?

**Steps for curbing air pollution
in Delhi**

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

- (a) steps being taken for curbing the air pollution in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any roadmap for improvement of air quality in Delhi; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental crisis in the country

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is facing a severe environmental crisis at present and languishing among the bottom five countries in the list of World Environmental Performance Index issued in 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the adequate public awareness campaigns are being run by the Central Government to combat the environmental crisis and whether the success of the campaign so far in on expected lines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Polluted river stretches in Andhra Pradesh

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that number of polluted river stretches in the State of Andhra Pradesh has increased over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will come forward to set up more Sewage Treatment Plants in these polluted stretches by allocating special funds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, reasons therefor?

Loss of green cover

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in Gurgaon 9,100 trees were cut in 2016-17 while Bhopal lost 26 per cent of its forest cover between 2009 and 2019 and Chennai is losing its green cover at the rate of 2 per cent every year;
- (b) if so, hectares of forest land diverted for various land projects from 2014 till date; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that according to Comptroller and Auditor General report compensatory afforestation has not happened in many areas?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Environmental pollution due to coal mining

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the production of coal may lead to rise of dust particles in air and water pollution specially in Chandwa road in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for minimizing of dust produced by coal mining and for recycling of water; and

(c) whether Government is considering any special package to control air pollution caused by coal mining in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

Air quality and effectiveness of pollution control programmes

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

(a) whether it is a fact that no significant improvement is found in air quality even after pollution control programmes being implemented so far;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to have a fresh look at the problem; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps taken to improve the air quality index in Uttar Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the cities of

Varanasi and Lucknow have recorded worse air quality levels than Delhi-NCR in the last six months with Varanasi recording zero good quality air days;

(b) whether Government has installed any air purifiers in the public areas in such cities;

(c) whether Government plans to check the biomass burning and traffic congestion in Varanasi to control the hazardous emission; and

(d) details of other steps being taken to improve the air quality index in Uttar Pradesh?

Forest Land Acquisition without consent

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the forest land is being diverted for mining or other industrial purposes in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, etc. without the consent of tribals and forest dwellers; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the forest clearance application is being approved without consulting the stakeholders?

Pollution in the rivers of Tamil Nadu

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

(a) the details of polluted stretches of rivers in the State of Tamil Nadu, as per the report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), 2018; and

(b) the details of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) that have been set up in the

polluted stretches of rivers in the State of Tamil Nadu, subsequent to publication of CPCB report in 2018?

India's record in environmental protection

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's current performance with regard to environmental protection is not desirable with reference to global standards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the special policy based steps proposed to be taken by Government in coming times?

Protection and conservation of Western Ghats

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

(a) whether Western Ghats declared as World Heritage Natural Site is under severe threat due to construction activities, infrastructure development, tree felling, expansion of cities and towns, increased agricultural activities etc;

(b) action Government has taken on the recommendations of Dr. Kasturirangan led Committee on Western Ghats constituted by Government;

(c) amount of funds allocated by Government for protection and conservation of this World Heritage Natural Site; and

(d) whether any action to stop illegal mining, protection of areas from where the

rivers originate and preservation of ecosystem has been taken?

Sale of stakes of State owned companies

198. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to swiftly proceed with the strategic stake sale in at least ten State owned companies for rebooting the economy;

(b) whether this exercise is likely to mop up ₹ 90,000 crores from disinvestment proceeds in the current financial year; and

(c) whether Government has already the necessary approval for selling stakes in about 24 companies including the national flag carrier AIR INDIA?

Revival of closed PSUs

199. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that two Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) namely Panchgram Paper Mill and Jagiroad Paper Mill of Assam have been closed down;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government or proposed to be taken to revive above mentioned two PSUs;

(c) details of plans of Government for compensating a large number of employees of the above two PSUs who are struggling for the last four years without getting their salaries; and

(d) details of the proposal of

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Government on the other PSUs of country which are under Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction and proposed to be closed down?

Privatisation of Public Enterprises

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

(a) the details of number of Public Enterprises in the country;

(b) the number of loss-making enterprises;

(c) the number of Navaratna Companies and whether there is any move to privatize these companies; and

(d) whether the Navaratna Companies have been privatized, if so, the reasons therefor?

CPSEs in Karnataka

201. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) established in Karnataka till date;

(b) whether Government has identified land for disposal regarding those CPSEs that have been earmarked for closure;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the guidelines issued for disposal of land and the current status of the same;

(d) the details regarding proceeds realized from disposal of assets of such CPSEs; and

(e) other new initiatives taken by Government for CPSEs during the last three years?

Status of heavy industries in Kerala

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

(a) the number of new heavy industrial units started between 2014 and 2019 year-wise and total employment generated in each units;

(b) whether any proposal for heavy industrial units have been received from Kerala Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the project and present status?

Slump in car manufacturing industry

203. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a slump in car manufacturing industry and its sales in recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the initiatives taken to improve the condition of car manufacturing industries in the country?

Electric Vehicles in India

204. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) details of total number of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the country, category-wise;

(b) the amount of incentive given under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) so far, category-wise; and

(c) the number of EV manufacturers in our country and the details thereof?

Government subsidy on electric vehicles

205. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any findings on the countries that are giving subsidy for electric vehicles, including those owned by private people;

(b) if so, the details of countries that are giving subsidy to people owning electric vehicles;

(c) whether Government is now proposing to withdraw subsidy to private electric four wheelers;

(d) whether it is a setback for auto industry; and•

(e) whether Government has considered its impact on eco-system and save oil campaign?

New industries in rural areas

206. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to start and operate new industries in rural areas including State of Uttar Pradesh in order to generate employment;

(b) if so, the names of the States where the new industries are likely to be operated on pilot project basis; and

(c) if not, the reasons there for?

NTPC-BHEL project at Mannavaram, Chittoor

207. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC-BHEL Power Project Limited (NBPPL) at Mannavaram in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh has decided not to enter into the business of manufacturing facilities for Boiler, Turbine and Generator (BTG), which was its original business plan in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of its business plan and operational status regarding BTG?

Guidelines for broadcasting sector

208. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any new guidelines for the broadcasting sector;

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

(c) whether the new guidelines for consumers are better than the previous guidelines?

Curbing of surrogate advertisements

209. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to curb the practice of surrogate advertising in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has identified the companies which have been accused

of promoting banned brands through advertisements?

Permanent and temporary employees in Doordarshan

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

(a) the number of permanent and temporary journalists/employees working in Doordarshan;

(b) the details of efforts being made to place Doordarshan at par with other channels in view of the stiff competition as regards TRP ratings; and

(c) the details of plans for its modernization?

Paid news during election

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

(a) whether it is a fact that repeatedly publishing an advertisement during the election which praises a candidate for his/her achievements, comes under the category of paid news;

(b) whether Government intends to amend Section 123 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and Section 15 of Press Council Act, 1978 in order to curb paid news and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to appoint Lokpal for media organisations, the details thereof?

Installation of STBs in Delhi

212. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deadline for installation of Set Top Boxes (STBs) has been extended for Digital Telecast in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Tier I and Tier III cities are still exempted in STBs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Listing of NaMo TV by Ministry

213. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the channel namely NaMo TV is listed in the list of channels of Information and Broadcasting Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons as to how it was on air during general election 2019?

Audit of Swachh Bharat Mission

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

(a) whether any audit of the Swachh Bharat Mission has been conducted since its inception; and

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

Reuse of faecal sludge

215. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as more and more villages are getting Open Defecation Free in the country, it is creating a problem for solid waste management;

(b) if so, whether Government has come

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up with any policy for the reuse of faecal sludge;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decrease in groundwater level in the country

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that groundwater level is continuously decreasing in a very large terrain in the country;

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

(c) the details of efforts being made by Government to deal with the problems arising out of decrease in groundwater level;

(d) whether efforts are being made to find alternative means of utilisation of groundwater level; and

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

Optimum utilisation of water for irrigation

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

(a) with the consolidation of all water management Ministries into an omnibus new Jal Shakti Ministry, whether Government would consider kick-starting the work on the new National Water Commission as recommended by the Mihir Shah Committee;

(b) whether in India 80 per cent of the

demand of water usage is for agriculture and studies suggest that water usage for major crops in India is three-four times the global average; and

(c) whether there are plans to provide greater diffusion of sprinkler systems as pioneered by Israel for optimum utilisation of scarce water for irrigation?

Availability of pure potable water

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

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of presence of Arsenic and other chemical substances in water as per the data of Central Ground Water Board, State-wise;

(b) amount spent during the last three years by the Ministry to ensure availability of pure potable water to the people, head-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry during this period to enhance the availability of potable water for the Bastar and its adjacent districts of Chhattisgarh?

Access to safe water

219. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a NITI Ayog Report of 2018, 600 million Indians face high to extreme water stress and two lakh people die every year due to inadequate access to safe water;

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(b) whether Government has created an omnibus authority with the consolidation of various Ministries related to water management, namely Jal Shakti, to ensure better co-ordination of efforts in water management; and

(c) whether seventy per cent of the country's water aquifers are polluted due to the Central Groundwater Boards' aggressive efforts to tap groundwater?

Purity of Ganga water

†220. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of statement of Central Pollution Control Board that water of Ganga river from Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal is not suitable for drinking and only at places such as Rudraprayag, Devprayag, Raiwala, Rishikesh of Uttarakhand where Bhagirathi flows, and places such as Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh and Diamond Harbour in West Bengal water is potable after purification;

(b) if so, the steps taken for purification of river Ganga water; and

(c) number of waste water drains that flows into Ganga river and numbers of such drains that have been stopped from discharging wastes?

Water storage in reservoirs

221. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether water storage in reservoirs in most of the States in West and Southern parts of the country have dipped to less than average during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of action Government proposes in case there is deficient monsoon showers this year and likely step to be taken by Government to ease the situation before the water crisis worsens?

Soil erosion by heavy floods and rains

222. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several villages in the country have been washed away due to the soil erosion caused by heavy floods and rains during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that erosion along coastline, Indian beaches and their shoreline in the country including States of Andhra Pradesh and Kerala is very rampant and rapid and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Interlinking of Cauvery river across Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

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

(a) whether Government plans to undertake any initiative to interlink and nationalize rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans to interlink the Cauvery river across the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and if so, the details thereof?

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Expenditure under Polavaram Project

224. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revised cost estimates of Polavaram Project have been approved;

(b) if so, the details of component-wise estimates of project and expenditure incurred so far; and

(c) by when the project will be completed?

Restoring capacity of reservoirs

225. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that storing capacity in all the reservoirs over the major rivers in the country has been decreasing due to silt and sediments deposits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to fix this problem and restore the capacity of reservoirs?

Revised estimates of Polavaram Project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Water Commission and Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources has approved the Revised Cost Estimates of Polavaram Project at 2013-14 and 2017-18 price levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof including difference of these two price levels on each component of the project; and

(c) the reasons which prompted Government to prepare revised cost estimates at two price levels and the Central Government's financial commitment over the project?

Reimbursement of funds to AP State for Polavaram Project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to release dues of approximately ₹5000 crores spent by State Government for execution of Polavaram Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amounts claimed by Andhra Pradesh Government under various components of Polavaram Project since 01.4.2014 to till date, year-wise and amounts reimbursed and pending for release by the Central Government?

Irrigation difficulties in hilly areas

†228. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the farmers are facing a lot of difficulties in irrigating fields situated in hilly areas and many farmers are not able to irrigate their fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) techniques adopted by Government to irrigate the fields situated in hilly areas of Konkan area?

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Study on ill effects of river linking project

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

(a) details of the problems being faced in river linking project along with the total cost of the project;

(b) the details of the number of people who would be displaced by the said project and the agricultural and forest land in hectares which will be lost due to this project; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken any study in Indian scenario in the light of ill-effects of river linking project on the river Snowy in Australia and if so, the details thereof?

Cleaning of Ganga river

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

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to clean Ganga river and the percentage-wise area of the river cleaned;

(b) whether it is a fact that the water of Ganga river is unfit for drinking, without its treatment, on account of increasing count of Coliform bacteria and if so, the current status and details thereof; and

(c) the details of the measures to arrest the increasing level of Coliform bacteria in the Ganga river?

Supply of water to districts in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from Rajasthan Government regarding supply of water from Yamuna canal for the purchase of drinking and irrigation in some districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Proposals pending for drinking water in Rajasthan

†232. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any plan to curb drinking water crisis in Rajasthan, especially in western Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Central Government has any proposal as regards pending drinking water projects in connection with drinking water problem viz. Indira Gandhi Canal Project and Narmada Canal Project; and

(c) if so, by when the action is proposed thereon?

Access to drinking water to people

233. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 500 million people will not have access to drinking water by 2030;

(b) if so, the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken to provide safe drinking water;

(c) whether India gets more water than it needs in a given year through rainfalls but India captures and uses only a fraction

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of its rainfall, allowing most of it to run off into the ocean; and

(d) if so, the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken to preserve rainfall water?

Water crisis in Tier-1 cities

234. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many Tier-1 cities in India are heading towards a severe water crisis and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) steps taken by Government to conserve water and make sure its availability at every household?

Depletion of groundwater

235. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the list of all States in the country which are facing severe water scarcity; and

(b) the role of large agriculture subsidies in depletion of groundwater, especially in States like Punjab, Haryana and steps taken to control the depletion?

Solar power based dual pump water supply scheme in A.P.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that solar power based dual pump water supply scheme is being implemented in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of habitations in the above

district which are expected to get water supply;

(c) the details of habitations covered since implementation of the scheme; and

(d) by when all the identified habitations in the above district would be covered under the above scheme?

Resolution of water related problems

†237. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Ministry has been formed to resolve the water related problems and if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Ministry to resolve these problems; and

(b) whether any time-bound scheme has been formulated to resolve the water problems in a dry State like Rajasthan?

Dams on the Himalayas

238. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fasting is being done by sages on account of dams on the Himalayas and to ensure uninterrupted flow of the Ganga stream;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many sages who were sitting on fast went missing; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Provision of drinking water to households

†239. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has any plan to ensure drinking water to every household through taps; and

(b) if so, whether priority will be given to these places where there is presence of Arsenic in ground water?

Price adjustment charges for Polavaram Project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not been reimbursing the expenditure incurred by the State towards payment of price adjustment of labour, machinery and other materials in Polavaram Project under Government Order 22 and Government Order 67 issued by State;

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

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

Cleaning of Ganga River

241. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the present pollution level of river Ganga;

(b) the amount of money spent to clean Ganga water during the last three years; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to make river Ganga clean?

Mitigation of water crisis

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

(a) the details of significant steps that have taken place with regard to mitigating the crisis of water in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether there is severe scarcity of water in the country and there is a need to take immediate steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to carry out reforms in the management of water resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard and to review Water Resources Management?

Extraction of groundwater

243. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India accounts for maximum groundwater extraction globally, more than that of China and USA combined;

(b) if so, the efforts to making the source of groundwater sustainable for poor and marginalized communities; and

(c) the details of measures taken for augmentation of water for irrigation and drinking purposes?

Revised estimates for Polavaram Project

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

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted revised estimates for Polavaram Project to the tune of ₹ 58,319 crores;

(b) whether Project Development Authority has approved revised estimates;

(c) the details of break-up of estimates, viz. main canal, left and right canal, power project, rehabilitation and resettlement, land acquisition, etc.;

(d) action plan prepared to release funds so as to complete Polavaram in a time-bound manner since the Ministry approved the revised estimates;

(e) impact of GST on Polavaram and whether the Ministry will consider exempting GST on Polavaram; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

GST's negative impact on MSMEs

245. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data on the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) commenced during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the employment generated in this sector between 2014 to 2019;

(d) whether demonetisation and GST had any negative impact on MSMEs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Employment provided by MSMEs

†246. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector is the

principal employment providing sector in the country's economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this sector has failed to provide required employment during the last few years; and

(d) if so, whether Government is making special policy based efforts to ensure creation of sufficient and required employment in the said sector and if so, the details thereof?

Contribution of MSMEs in Indian economy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that MSMEs which contribute to a large part towards the Indian economy with the sectors contribution to the Gross Value Added being about 32 per cent as per the Economic Survey stated that still faces a lack of credit from the banking sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Plan to increase MSMEs

†248. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state whether Government would formulate any Action Plan to increase the number of micro and small industries and by which they will be profited and if so, by when?

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Overcharging of royalty

†249. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an excess amount against the prescribed royalty rates is being charged from stone industry in the country;

(b) the details of prescribed royalty rates, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that complaints are being received through various channels regarding manifold overcharging of royalty as compared to prescribed rates of royalty from stone mining lessees due to demand of breakstone found particularly at Kabrai hills of Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government would consider to provide prescribed royalty rates to save the crusher industry in the country?

DMF in Ramanujganj

†250. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Mineral Foundation (DMF) has been established in Ramanujganj in district Balrampur, Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of works done so far under the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) for the development of the mining affected areas

and welfare of people in Ramanujganj in Balrampur district in Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether Government has received any complaints regarding any type of irregularities in the works done by District Mineral Foundation (DMF) in Chhattisgarh; and

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

Auction of mines

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

(a) the number of mine blocks auctioned in the last three years and the geographical details of the blocks;

(b) the estimated value of resources in the blocks auctioned in the last three years; and

(c) the total revenue generated for Government of India from these auctioned blocks?

Reservation in allotment of mines

†252. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA:
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes are being provided benefit of reservation in the matter of allotment of mines by Government; and

(b) if so, the details of concessions provided to these allottees?

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Implementation of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP)

253. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the budget allocation for Ministry of Minority Affairs was increased by 12 per cent but the fund utilisation has declined from 97.8 per cent in 2015-16 to 74 per cent;

(b) whether this has affected the implementation of MsDP and scholarship programmes;

(c) whether there has been a low achievement in physical outcomes across components under MsDP; and

(d) whether the water supply, housing and income-generating infrastructure have a poor completion rate against the units sanctioned under the MsDP project and many activities under it have not even begun?

Welfare of minority communities

254. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of minority and the number of persons covered under minority category;

(b) the special facilities provided to minority communities in the country; and

(c) the percentage of minorities living in the State of Maharashtra?

Schemes for welfare of minorities

†255. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of schemes implemented and the funds allocated for the welfare of minority communities during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(b) ratio of the benefit obtained by minority communities *viz.* Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis?

Demand for granting minority status

†256. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of communities that have received minority status by Government till date;

(b) whether Government has received demand from any community for being provided minority status, if so, when and how many demands were received;

(c) the details of the provisions made by Government to give minority status;

(d) whether there is any provision to scrap the minority status given to minority communities or is there any plan to do so; and

(e) whether any review has been done regarding increasing population of minorities, if so, the time when it was done?

Haj Houses

257. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to construct Haj Houses in all the States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the funds spent so far in present plan periods, plan-wise?

Assurances given on the Floor of the House

258. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of assurances given by each Ministry on the Floor of the House over the last three years;

(b) details of the number of assurances that have not yet been fulfilled and are pending;

(c) reasons for such pendency; and

(d) steps being taken to follow-up with respective Ministries for fulfilment of pending assurances?

Central assistance to States for Ring Road

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

(a) whether various States have sought Central assistance for Ring Roads in their States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has considered and approved for sanctioning the requisite assistance to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Asset monetisation plan

260. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is determined to put the asset monetisation plan on fast track seeking bids for the roads under the Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) plan in Tamil Nadu, UP, Bihar and Jharkhand estimated to fetch about ₹ 5,000 crores;

(b) whether Government has tried this TOT model in 2016 to monetise publicly funded highways; and

(c) whether the first round of TOT auctions for 680 kms. of highways ended in February, 2018, fetching the Government a sum of ₹ 9000 crores?

Single lane NHs in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) details of the single lane National Highways in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) details of the proposals pending with Government to convert these single lane NHs, if any, into two to six lane National Highways (NHs)?

Four laning of National Highways

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

(a) the total length of National Highways across various States, in kilometers and the details of number of lanes built on them;

(b) whether Government is considering to develop all National Highways into four lanes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when process is likely to be completed?

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Deaths due to potholes

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

(a) whether potholes took a deadly toll in 2017, claiming almost 10 lives daily with annual fatalities in the country adding up to 3,597 which is more than 50 per cent rise over the toll for 2016;

(b) whether the number of people killed near or on roads under construction also increased from 3,878 in 2016 to 4,250 last year;

(c) whether Government is planning a provision of imposing fine against officials for faulty design of roads, poor maintenance and negligence in fixing problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NGOs for promotion of road safety

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

(a) whether Government has roped in any NGO to promote road safety;

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

(c) whether Government has granted any funds to such NGOs for promotion of road safety;

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

(e) details regarding steps taken to ensure proper utilisation of funds granted to such NGOs?

Universal Smart Card driving license

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

(a) whether Government has decided to modify format of driving licenses to Universal Smart Card type driving licenses;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to have a common countrywide database of all driving license holders;

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

(e) whether Government is taking any steps to ensure that delinquent drivers do not get driving license by changing State; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

National Highway projects in Jodhpur

†266. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans/proposals to declare Merta City to Ajmer Road as National Highway, starting from Jodhpur *via* Pipar Road and Khariya Khangar; and

(b) the number of National Highway projects underway in Jodhpur district and by when the same would be completed?

Sagarmala programme in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government has embarked

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on execution of Sagarmala Programme in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the projects that have been taken up for development under Sagarmala Programme;

(c) the number of NH Roads, NH Flyovers, Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs) that are included under this project for development;

(d) whether any funds have been sanctioned and released so far, project-wise;

(e) the details of work in progress and the present status of the projects; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government for their early completion?

Multi-laning of Highways

†268. 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 considering to make multi-lane highways in various regions of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this direction till date; and

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

Doubling the length of NHs

†269. 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 considering to double the length of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken

any steps in this regard till date, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Bharatmala project

270. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is executing Bharatmala project to construct roads along India's borders and other important places, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of progress of each project, State-wise and the schedule of completion;

(d) amount of funds allocated for each project during the last two years and in the current financial year; and

(e) steps taken to complete these projects as per schedule?

Damaged roads and incomplete construction on Delhi-Jaipur Highway

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to damaged road and incompletely constructed bridges on the Jaipur-Delhi stretch of National Highway No. 8, large number of accidents are taking place and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to check these incidents and to repair damaged roads and complete the construction work of incomplete flyovers?

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Online services of the Ministry

272. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of online services provided by the Ministry;

(b) the number of citizens who have availed these online services during the last three years; and

(c) the average time taken to respond to the online services?

Reconstruction of roads damaged in floods

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

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a separate fund for the reconstruction and repair of roads damaged by floods in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Road accidents due to pressure horn

†274. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in comparison to the year 2017-18, there has been an increase in road traffic accidents in the year 2018-19;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the major reasons of road traffic accidents is pressure horn and lack of awareness of traffic rules;

(c) whether the steps are being taken

by Government to prevent road traffic accidents in the country in future; and

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

Delays in construction of NH-104 and NH-105

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

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work on NH-104 and NH-105 has been going on for the past many years and has not been completed even beyond the time-limit fixed by Government;

(b) whether any action has been taken by Government against the contractor for the said time overrun; and

(c) if so, details of the action taken and the latest status of the construction on NH-104 and NH-105?

Delay in NH of Bijapur-Gulbarga-Humnabad Section

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

(a) whether it is a fact that work on two lane of Bijapur-Gulbarga-Humnabad Section of new NH-50 in Karnataka commenced in March, 2015 and was to be completed by September, 2017;

(b) if so, the reasons that even after lapse of more than one year of deadline, this stretch of 218 kms. has not been completed; and

(c) the cost overrun due to delay in the project and by when it is going to be completed?

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Slow progress of work on NH-15

277. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of slow progress of work of four laning of NH-15 between Biswanath to Itanagar *via* Gohpur of Assam;

(b) if so, details of work awarded and time specification for completion of the project therein;

(c) action taken by Government on the public complaints received on low quality construction work of the above mentioned four lane NH;

(d) whether Government is also aware that Biswanath to Gohpur which is approximately 60 kms. is lying half done/ stopped at a number of places which is causing untold sufferings to the public; and

(e) the steps taken to complete this stretch within time-frame?

National Highways in Karnataka

278. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to provide public amenities such as clean toilets, rest place etc. under Swachh Bharat on National and State Highways; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is aware that road work on National Highway from Chitradurga to Hospet (130 kms.) is pending since 8 years and if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government has planned smart toll deduction system on pilot basis

on Hebbal-Devanahalli stretch in Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reduction in road accidents

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of road accidents in the country is continuously increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating on taking any steps for reduction in road accidents; and

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

RRR Express Highways

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

(a) whether Government of India has approved the proposal of construction of Regional Ring Road (RRR) Express Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan of constructing such Express Highways in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details of the RRR identified to be developed in the State of Andhra Pradesh and if not, reasons therefor?

Progress of Bharatmala 2.0

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is now focusing on Bharatmala 2.0;

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(b) if so, details of projects undertaken under Bharatmala 1.0 and status of each of the projects, project-wise, with particular reference of Karnataka;

(c) whether it is a fact that poor Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) is one of the main reasons for poor implementation of Bharatmala 1.0;

(d) if so, how Government is going to overcome this in Bharatmala 2.0;

(e) whether it is a fact that there is 745 kms. of Pune-Bangalore road project under Bharatmala 2.0; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

International cruise terminal at Visakhapatnam

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) has decided to construct an international cruise terminal at Visakhapatnam to promote cruise tourism in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune, has submitted a favourable report on shoreline and navigational studies at Visakhapatnam;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the expected tourist potential and employment opportunities which could be generated with this project?

Khelo India

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

(a) the measures taken by Government to streamline the selection of players for tournaments and training through 'Khelo India'; and

(b) measures taken and details of action plan formulated to ensure participation and results for India in the forthcoming international events?

Action plan for 2020 Olympics

†284. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will chalk out any action plan for strengthening representation of Indian players and their preparation in Japan Olympics 2020 so that India gets more medals in Olympics; and

(b) if so, the outline thereof?

Sports Complex in Tuticorin

285. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to set up a highly equipped Sports Complex providing training in all types of sports/athletics in Tuticorin District in the State of Tamil Nadu, considering its road, rail and air connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

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Sports talent in rural areas

286. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for identifying and nurturing the sporting talent from rural areas of various States particularly North East States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of tribal people from N.E. in sports

287. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal people of North East have participated in various sports competition within and outside the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for uplifting them?

Setting up of Sports Authority of India Training Centre in A.P.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to open a Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centre in the state of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the area where this SAI Centre is being established;

(c) the quantum of funds being allocated to this centre and the amount released so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

Promotion of sports activities in Rajasthan

†289. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national sports academy in Rajasthan; and

(b) whether Government is considering any proposal regarding promotion of sports activities or incorporation of sports activities in education in the State of Rajasthan?

Character and personality development of youth

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

(a) whether Government has launched any scheme with the objective to develop character and personality of students/ youth in schools and colleges;

(b) whether Government has made any financial allocation for this purpose in the recent budget;

(c) whether any programmes for this purpose are being conducted in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

National Sports University

291. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the National Sports University Bill, for the construction of a university in Manipur and details thereof;

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(b) expected time of completion of the project; and

(c) other initiatives for promotion of sports in other States, especially West Bengal?

now living in indigent circumstances, State/ UT-wise?

Lack of basic infrastructure for swimmers

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons

292. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state the details of funds released/utilised/disbursed/sanctioned under the scheme 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons' to provide for lump sum financial assistance for medical treatment to outstanding sportspersons

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

(a) whether Government is aware that due to the lack of Government-funded and private swimming pools in Noida, athletes preparing for professional competitions are forced to travel to Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when Government plans to open adequate and free of cost swimming pools in the city as are available in Delhi?

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