

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 1, 2019/Ashadha 10, 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

Employment on the basis of fake caste certificates

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the cases of employment obtained against the posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the basis of fake caste certificates in South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has got these cases investigated;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the delinquents by the Ministry; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to check recurrence of such cases in future?

Pithead coal stock

935. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Ltd.'s (CIL's) depleted pithead coal stock of around 24 million tonnes in the winter season, improved to around 54 million tonnes towards the end of the fiscal year, backed by increased stocks at the power plants which now has 30.4 million tonnes or 18 days of coal stock;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the power plants were demanding more coal and wish to have the stock of coal for more than 20 days at least?

Importing coal from Australia

936. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coal in our

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country for the year 2018-19 and details thereof;

(b) the amount of coal imported and details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any problem in importing coal from Australia and if so, the reasons therefor?

Reclamation of abandoned coalfields

937. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and other agencies have any responsibility to restore abandoned or decommissioned coal fields;

(b) if not, action plan drawn by Government for technical and biological reclamation of such coalfields;

(c) whether Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) commissioned by CIL, has submitted its report on indexing of environmental performance of coalfields; and

(d) whether any assessment of the reclaimed coalfields has been done from economic angle?

Growth in rake loading by CIL

938. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that backed by improved rake loading, Coal India Limited's (CIL's) dispatches to the power sector climbed to touch 488 million tonnes as against 454 million tonnes supplied in the fiscal year 2017-18 which is a growth of 7.45 per cent;

(b) whether the percentage growth in rake loading for the power sector is higher than the average rake loading growth of 5.6 per cent during the fiscal year 2018-19 as Coal India on an average loaded 280.7

rakes per day as against 265.8 rakes in the fiscal year 2016-17; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Private players in coal mining

939. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of private players have received projects for coal mining business by securing development contracts for mining from State-owned companies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the list of top ten private companies which have worked for the State-owned companies and the value of projects done by each of them;

(c) whether the State-owned companies lack expertise in coal mining business and if so, the steps taken by Government to mitigate this; and

(d) if not, the reasons for hiring private contractors?

Plantation of trees along National Highways

940. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal encroachments near the National Highways have made it difficult to implement the policy of plantation of trees along the National Highways;

(b) if so, steps being taken to effectively implement this policy;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up this issue with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Purchase of Army's disposal vehicles
for the Members**

†941. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) the number of Members of
Parliament who had applied to purchase
Army's disposal vehicles during the last
two years;

(b) the number of Members of
Parliament for whom it was made available
and the depots from where these were
purchased;

(c) whether the Members of Parliament
got the vehicle from the same depot from
where they were requested or were made
available from some other depot as well, as
whether they have got the vehicles or not;
and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not,
the reasons for not getting the vehicle?

**Violations of ceasefire on LoC by
Pakistan**

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

(a) whether there is a sharp increase in
the number of cases of violations of
ceasefire on the line of control (LoC) by
Pakistan;

(b) if so, the month-wise number of
cases recorded along with the number of
casualties reported as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated
any policy in view of the zero tolerance
policy to retaliate such incidents of
violations of ceasefire by Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Upgrading obsolete technology in
aircrafts**

943. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) details of the progress or termination
of the India-Ukraine partnership to upgrade
the AN-32 aircraft fleet of India at Kanpur
air-base;

(b) number of aircrafts which have
obsolete and outdated emergency
transmissions;

(c) the details of Government's plan to
upgrade these aircrafts and in what time-
frame; and

(d) whether Government conducted any
risk-analysis report on aircrafts equipped
with obsolete technology, if so, details
thereof?

**Establishment of Sainik Schools in
Maharashtra**

944. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether any request of Maharashtra
Government for establishing a Sainik
School in the State is pending with
Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to
accede to the request of Maharashtra
Government by establishing a Sainik School
and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Opening of Sainik Schools for girl
students**

945. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE
THAKUR: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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has approved admission of girl children in Sainik School, Chhingchhip, Mizoram from academic session 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to approve admission of girl children in all Sainik Schools located in other States including Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by when the proposal is likely to be approved?

Attrition rate in Armed Forces

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

(a) whether Government is aware that many Defence personnel are leaving Armed Forces in recent years;

(b) if so, the details of officers who left from three Defence Services in the last three years;

(c) any proposal to hold special drive to fill the gap in Defence Forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expense Bill by Armed Forces to Odisha Govt.

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

(a) whether the armed forces have conducted any rescue operations in Odisha during cyclone;

(b) the number of persons saved by the forces in Odisha during last cyclone;

(c) whether any bills were given to the State of Odisha by the forces as expense of rescue operations like in the case of Kerala floods;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special regiment for fishermen

†948. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider raising a separate regiment of inborn fishermen called 'Machhua' regiment on the lines of Sikh regiment or other regiments to deal with floods and cyclones;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, by when Government proposes to put in place the fishermen regiment?

Compensation to war veterans/ widows of soldiers

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

(a) the number of soldiers/jawans who were martyred on the border by terrorists during last three years;

(b) the number of gas agencies/petrol pumps allotted to war veterans/widows/heirs of jawans who were martyred during the last three years; and

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

Budget for modernisation of armed forces

950. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the budget estimates, revised

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estimates and actual expenditure on modernisation of armed forces during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of investment made in the production of military equipment during the last three years and the current year and the defence agreements signed for procurement of defence equipment during the said period; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to allow the private sector to play a major role in the production of weapon system for the armed forces and if so, the details thereof?

Reports of closing down of army workshops

951. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken for closing down of army workshops;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken for army workshops to follow Government Owned Contractor Operator (GOCO) model; and

(c) whether the huge amount of land assets owned by such workshops have been opened up for the private sector?

Strategic sales of four shipyards

952. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided upon strategic sales of four shipyards, which has shipbuilding facilities under Defence Ministry viz., Goa Shipyards Limited, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited, Hindustan Shipyards Limited, Visakhapatnam, Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and Cochin Shipyard Limited; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such a decision for strategic sale?

Attracting youth to the Army

953. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army is considering to induct more youth in the armed forces including youth from State of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that army is considering to expand the recruitment camps across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to set up military recruitment centres in Gujarat

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to establish military recruitment centre in the districts of Gujarat, so that the process of induction in military can become convenient for the youth of nearby districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of border roads/helipads/air stations

955. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any fresh plan to modernise our border roads, helipads, air stations, keeping in view the recent attacks;

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

Indian soldiers martyred in terrorist attacks

956. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian soldiers martyred on the India-Pakistan border in frequent terrorist attacks during the last two years;
- (b) the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the terrorists would be flushed out?

Status of INS Virat

957. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy is spending a huge amount of money on the upkeep of retired warship INS Virat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to hand over INS Virat to Maharashtra Government for converting it into a museum at Mumbai; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in armed forces

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

- (a) whether there are a number of vacancies in the three wings of armed forces;
- (b) if so, the number of vacancies separately in the three wings; and

- (c) the reasons for these vacancies and the efforts made to fill them, at the earliest?

Handing over of INS Virat to Andhra Pradesh

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

- (a) present status of INS Virat;
- (b) whether it is a fact that INS Virat has been given to the State of Andhra Pradesh to use this mammoth ship for promotion of tourism in Visakhapatnam;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not sending it to Visakhapatnam even after preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR);
- (d) whether it is also a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has asked for funds from Defence and Tourism Ministries for converting Virat for tourism purpose; and
- (e) if so, Government's action in this regard?

Waiver in landing charges at Defence airports

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

- (a) whether any proposal to remove landing charges at fifteen airports under the control of Indian Airforce for use by civil aviation industry is under consideration of Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of airports likely to be affected; and
- (c) in case civil aircrafts are allowed to land at Indian Airforce airports for commercial purposes, the name of agency

that will bear the operation and maintenance cost of the airports?

Construction of a National War Memorial

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

(a) whether Government proposes to construct a National War Memorial to commemorate the patriots who sacrificed their lives for the country in various wars;

(b) whether Urban Development Ministry has been approached for allotment of suitable land in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for modernisation of Defence Forces

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal for modernising Defence Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) number of Memorandum of Understanding signed with other countries for defence procurement in recent years and the details thereof?

National Forest Policy, 2018

963. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Draft National Forest Policy, 2018 has been approved and put in

operation and if so, the salient features of the policy;

(b) whether the document focuses on increasing productivity from forests which is in direct conflict with REDD+ (reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation) and if so, mechanism by which Government hopes to resolve this conflict; and

(c) whether the States have been consulted before framing the guidelines for the National Community Forest Management Mission which is a part of the policy and if so, the details thereof'?

Landslide management

964. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure reduction of landslide risk and its management in the hilly States of the country including Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Non-forestry activities in ridge

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

(a) whether Government is aware that non-forestry activities are taking place in the highly protected ridge area of Delhi;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Katowice Conference and its Action Plan on Climate Change

966. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has contributed specifically to the 'Paris Rule Book' adopted at Katowice Conference on Climate Change to limit global warming and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has made any commitments for implementation of certain agreed actions prior to the Paris Climate deal coming into effect in the year 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the financial provisions discussed in the Katowice Conference like mobilizing \$100 billion a year from 2020 for implementation of action plans by selected Member countries have been to India's satisfaction and if so, the details of our commitments thereof?

National Clean Air Programme

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

(a) whether Government proposes to initiate National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to combat air pollution under which immediate effective steps would be taken to minimize the air pollution level of the cities identified as most polluted cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an awareness campaign is also proposed to be undertaken under the NCAP and whether assistance is also being taken from the experts and non-governmental organisations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Poaching in Valmiki Nagar Tiger Sanctuary

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

(a) whether Government is aware of large scale illegal cutting of trees and poaching of wild animals in Valmiki Nagar Tiger Sanctuary;

(b) details of such incidents in the last one year and the number of people arrested in such cases; and

(c) whether Government plans to make stringent rules to stop illegal cutting of trees and poaching?

Air Pollution in Delhi

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

(a) whether Ministry has plan to tackle the winter air pollution in Delhi;

(b) mechanism by which crop stubble burning will be controlled; and

(c) details of the proposal to deal with the overall rise in the events of air pollution levels?

Healthy environment for living beings

†970. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of the significant and positive measures being taken to make the

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environment nourishing and healthy for living beings and the reasons for failure in keeping the environment clean; and

(b) details of roadmap drawn for checking the alarming rise in pollution?

Impact of climate change on food supply

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

(a) whether it is a fact that climate change is likely to cause poisoning of food supply of people living in poor countries;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take steps to avoid it; and

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

Polluted rivers in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) whether five rivers of Chhattisgarh namely Mahanadi, Kharun, Hasdeo, Kelo and Seonath have been declared extremely polluted as per a report of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any action plan to check pollution in these rivers and to clean these rivers of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent by Government for the said purpose so far?

Expert Committee on pollution level of major rivers

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

(a) whether Government proposes to constitute a Committee of Experts to examine level of pollution of major rivers in the country and if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken to cleanse the rivers so that pollution is minimal; and

(b) the details of amount of money allocated and spent to cleanse the rivers during the last three years, State-wise?

Environmental damage to Yamuna riverbed

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Culture Festival organised by Art of Living Foundation on the Yamuna bank in Delhi in 2016 completely destroyed the riverbed, as reported by an Expert Committee of Government;

(b) whether Government has assessed the environmental damage, if so, details thereof; and

(c) action taken against organisers and steps taken to restore the ecological imbalance?

Incidents of fire in Jungle

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there have

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been several instances of fire in jungle during last three years;

(b) the major incidents of fire in jungle during last three years and our preparedness to control such incidents; and

(c) details of loss of revenue, natural resources and human lives, the country had to suffer during this period due to fire in jungle?

World's ranking of India in purity of water and air

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's place has fallen down in the world's ranking of purity of water and environment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, India's actual ranking in the world at present on the basis of purity of water and air and efforts being made by Government to improve it?

Polluted cities in India

†977. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step towards bringing down pollution, in the light of the fact that 15 out of the 20 most polluted cities of the world are in India, as per the report of the World Health Organisation;

(b) whether the details of the persons

suffering from diseases caused by pollution in cities like Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh have been collected; and

(c) whether Government has taken any step towards creating awareness among people in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to pollution

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an unprecedented rise in deaths due to excessive carbon emission and vehicular pollution in the Indian cities;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that the air we breathe is increasingly becoming toxic; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to deal with this frightening situation?

Biodiversity park

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

(a) details of the biodiversity park set up or proposed to be set up in different parts of the country during last three years and till date; and

(b) potential benefits Government intends to pursue by the establishment of these biodiversity parks in the country, details thereof?

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Generation of energy from municipal waste

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

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

(a) number of cities and towns where the project of generating energy from garbage and waste has been started, details thereof;

(b) number of municipalities awaiting the commencement of this project due to pending NOC from the Ministry, details thereof;

(c) efforts taken by Ministry to see that more and more municipalities go for such plants for recycling and energy generation; and

(d) whether specific grants are being given to various municipalities for starting such projects?

Pollution occurring in multi-storey buildings

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

(a) whether Government monitors all kinds of pollution occurring in multi-storey buildings of the country including National Capital Region (NCR) and if so, whether motor pumps and other equipments installed in basements of these buildings are operating in compliance with noise pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000;

(b) whether concerning these basements, Government has conducted any study to assess the adverse effects of the

sound pollution on the residents of these multi-storey buildings and especially children, elderly and housewives; and

(c) number of multi-storey buildings in the NCR where National building code and the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 are fully complied with?

Pollution in Indian cities over WHO standards

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

(a) Government's aim to reduce particulate pollution in 102 Indian cities by 30 to 35 per cent by 2024 under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) against the current requirement of over fifty per cent of prescribed levels of 20ug/m³ by WHO;

(b) whether it is a fact that currently, a mere five per cent of the total 6,166 census cities and towns of the country are under surveillance and there are only 168 continuous real-time monitors covering 102 cities; and

(c) if so, whether forty eight per cent of these real-time monitoring stations in the country cover only three States namely Delhi, UP and Haryana?

Poaching of animals

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

(a) whether it is a fact that poaching of animals and birds are on the rise in the country and if so, details thereof, State-wise; and

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(b) details of steps taken in this regard?

Andhra Pradesh to tackle the problem of increasing air pollution;

Most air-polluted cities

984. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of most air-polluted cities in India with index of pollution and reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent heavy pollution from industries in Gujarat, and if so, details thereof?

(b) if so, details of cities identified and action plan prepared to address air pollution in the above cities;

(c) details of targets set; and

(d) the time period set by the Ministry to achieve the above targets?

National River Conservation Programme

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

(a) the main aims and objectives of the National River Conservation Programme (NRCP);

(b) whether it is a fact that Tungabhadra, Cauvery and Pennar rivers in Karnataka have been identified under NRCP;

(c) if so, details of polluted stretches identified in the above rivers; and

(d) details of funds sanctioned, approved, released and spent on above stretches during last three years, year-wise and river-wise?

Decrease in forest cover

985. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that figures of forest cover being published by Government and actual field reports differ a lot and forest cover is decreasing alarmingly despite several measures taken up by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the process by which Government assesses the actual forest cover?

Air pollution in Delhi

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

(a) whether Delhi is one of the most polluted city in the country and whether this is public health-threatening emergency;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the factors causing air pollution besides vehicular traffic, dust and construction activities in the cities; and

National Clean Air Programme

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has started implementing National Clean Air Programme in the country and has identified some cities in the State of

(c) the steps proposed by Government to tackle air pollution in such cities on long-term planning basis and through policy interventions to protect public health?

Ozone pollution

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

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

(a) details of the number of times when Central Pollution Control Board had issued data on increasing levels of ozone pollution in Delhi-NCR which is beyond the set standard;

(b) details of the ill-effects of increased levels of ozone on human health;

(c) details of the steps taken by the Ministry from time to time to reduce ozone levels; and

(d) whether there is a fear of increase in deaths due to ozone pollution exceeding the set limit?

Report of WGEEP

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

(a) whether it is a fact that report submitted by the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) had recommended that the entire Western Ghats should be declared as an ecologically sensitive area with three levels of categorization and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that WGEEP had also asked the Ministry not to give environment clearance to the Gundia hydroelectric project in Karnataka and the Athirapally dam on the Chalakudy river in Kerala's Thrissur district?

NOC for strengthening of roads under forest area

†991. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state whether Government has any proposals under its consideration for simplification of the process of issuance of No-Objection Certificate for standardizing and strengthening of the roads falling under forest area?

Green Bonus for States

†992. SHRI ANIL BALUNI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to give rewards viz. Green Bonus to the States which are working well in the field of environment conservation; and

(b) if not, whether Government proposes to launch any such scheme in future?

Ill-effects of Coastal Regulation Zone 2018 on coastal regions

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

(a) whether Government is aware that

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the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification 2018 is harming the coastal regions of the country due to increase in infrastructural activities along coastal areas; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to protect the coastal regions from suffering climate change vulnerabilities?

Charging stations for electric vehicles

994. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that under the FAME-II Scheme, charging stations for electric vehicles in the country are to be set up;

(b) whether Government has started setting up charging stations for electric vehicles in the country;

(c) if so, the expenditure allocated for the purpose and whether electric charging stations are being set up in Kolkata and other cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of electric vehicles

995. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the policies by Government to boost electric vehicles in the country;

(b) the details of infrastructural and other investment implemented by Government to promote the electric vehicles in the country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that 12 percentage

of GST applicable on electric vehicles is hampering its industry growth?

Reduction of Stake in PSUs

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

(a) details of companies in which Government has 51 per cent or more stake, PSU-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to reduce its stake in all PSUs to 49 per cent without consulting the PSUs and other stakeholders;

(c) the reasons for the same in spite of the fact that there are some PSUs which are strategically important for the country;

(d) reasons as to why the Ministry says that only disinvestment will make the Boards of these companies professionally managed; and

(e) whether NITI Aayog recommended to bring down Government's stake in PSUs?

Acquisition of HEC Ranchi, Jharkhand

†997. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the acquisition of Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) at Ranchi in Jharkhand by the Department of Atomic Energy;

(b) whether Government has any scheme under consideration for restructuring of poor financial condition of HEC; and

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(c) the various steps taken by Government till date in this direction?

National Electric Mobility Mission Plan

998. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing National Electric Mobility Mission Plan to promote use of electric vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of implementation of the plan and whether there is a plan with Government to cater to demand of workforce in this sector?

Financial performance of BHEL

999. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) has incurred losses during any of the last three years;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any step to improve the financial performance of BHEL; and

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

Privatisation of Public Sector Units

1000. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased

to state the plans of Government as regards Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) unit in Bhopal, in line with the NITI Aayog's proposal on privatisation of Public Sector Units?

Registration of News Channels

1001. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procedure for registration of new News Channels;

(b) details of the News Channels already registered with Government;

(c) the procedure for content monitoring of News Channels;

(d) whether there is any public grievance redressal mechanism regarding contents of the News Channels;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure incurred on services from news agencies

†1002. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred on services being taken from different news agencies by Doordarshan and Akashwani; and

(b) the details of payment and the basis of payment thereof?

Appointment of CBFC Chairperson

1003. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure of appointment of the

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Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC);

(b) details of the eligibility criteria, if any; and

(c) when will Government implement the recommendations of the Shyam Benegal Committee to improve the functioning and accountability of the Board?

News broadcasting in FM radio channels

1004. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received any representation as regard giving permission to broadcasting news, in FM channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has objected for such request and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Films Archives of India

1005. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 31,000 precious reels or cans held by the National Films Archives of India (NFAI) are understood to have been lost or destroyed, according to the observations of a CAG report and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of the NFAI, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of various autonomous bodies/subordinate offices under the Ministry and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for improving their working?

Propagation of Yoga and healthy living

1006. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from June 10 to 25, 2019 onwards whichever TV channels, newspapers and radio propagated Yoga and healthy living will be awarded Antarashtriya Yoga Divas Media Samman (AYDMS);

(b) if so, steps taken to ensure the maximum participation of media houses in this campaign;

(c) whether any jury has been constituted to decide the winners of this award; and

(d) if so, the names of the members of this jury?

Changes in Cinematograph Act, 1952

1007. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made so far by Government in the implementation of the recommendations made in the report of the Expert Committee headed by Shri Shyam Benegal to recommend changes to the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and to bring transparency in the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC); and

(b) the number of recommendations which have been accepted and those which are under consideration?

Immovable property of Doordarshan and AIR

†1008. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the immovable property of Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) across the country;

(b) the extent of use of such properties being made now; and

(c) whether there is any plan for the optimal use of these assets in view of competition in the market?

Inter-linking of rivers in the country

1009. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared feasibility and Detailed Project Report of inter-linking of various rivers across the country;

(b) if so, the present status of the report's implementation; and

(c) by when the inter-linking of rivers is likely to be completed?

Over exploitation of groundwater

1010. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that groundwater resources are being over exploited in some parts of the country, particularly in Punjab;

(b) whether farmers are experiencing that the quality of sub-soil water has also deteriorated;

(c) steps proposed to be taken to protect the interests of small farmers; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any study in this regard and if so, the reports thereof and action taken thereon?

Ganga cleaning mission

1011. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenses incurred in cleaning drive Ganga, State-wise, year-wise during the last three years;

(b) whether as per the report of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), in certain stretches Ganga has become more polluted between 2014-18 and in other stretches, it has remained as polluted as before;

(c) if so, details thereof, if not, details of pollution levels in Ganga, over different stretches, between 2014-18 and the name of agency responsible for calculating these figures; and

(d) the details of budget allocated and percentage of that amount which has been spent in order to restore the river?

Piped drinking water in rural areas

1012. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages having piped drinking water connections through various schemes, in rural areas during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of villages yet to get piped drinking water connections during the next three years in rural areas, State-wise?

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Discussion on water dams in States

1013. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to build water dams in many States to solve the enormous water problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had initiated discussions with the State Governments concerned in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-linking of rivers for water management

1014. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of water scarcity can be addressed by streamlining the water management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the inter-linking of rivers can play a major role in water management; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto along with the names of rivers selected so far for inter-linking?

Financial and technical assistance to States for potable water

1015. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the availability of potable water has been adversely affected due to the decline in groundwater level in certain

parts of the country including rural areas during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide financial and technical assistance to the State Governments for the purpose; and

(d) the details of the achievements made in this regard as a result of the same?

DPR on inter-linking of rivers

†1016. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed its Detailed Project Report (DPR) on inter-linking of Par Tapi Narmada link and Damanganga Pijal rivers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) progress of the work and action taken by Government on DPR till date;

(c) the decision taken on scope, water distribution, cost usage of water and water management in the DPR; and

(d) the details of other works yet to be done after DPR, by which the said work can be completed and its benefits can be made accessible to the public?

Increasing of piped water to households

1017. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to increase coverage of piped water to households from current 18 per cent to 100 per cent by 2024;

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

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(c) the present status of coverage of piped water to households, State-wise;

(d) the details of States having less than five per cent coverage of piped water of households;

(e) the per capita water availability; and

(f) the quantum of amount allocated for the scheme?

Safe drinking water to rural areas

1018. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drinking Water Supply Programme in rural areas of the country have failed to give desired result by providing safe drinking water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the funds allocated by Government from time to time;

(c) whether Government intends to strengthen the existing monitoring system in the larger interest of rural population of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Flood problem in Assam

1019. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of recurrence of flood problem in Assam which leads to loss of life, property and creates ecological imbalance and the growing demands from the people of Assam to declare the problem as a national problem;

(b) if so, whether Government will take any policy decision to tackle this recurring problem as a national problem, keeping in view the seriousness of the issue and the fact that State Government is unable to manage this problem on its own; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for permanent solution of this recurrent flood problem in Assam?

Major Lift Irrigation Project in Telangana

1020. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that J. Chokka Rao Devadula Major Lift Irrigation Project which benefits Warangal, Karimnagar and Nalgonda districts in Telangana was started in 2003, but has not yet been completed;

(b) whether the gestation period has also been overrun long back;

(c) if so, the details and reasons for cost and time overrun;

(d) whether the likely date of completion is this year; and

(e) if so, by when it is going to be completed?

Ground Water Resources Management

1021. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has in place an adequate framework for governing Ground Water Resources and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has collaborated with any private or foreign bodies on Ground Water Management projects and if so, the details thereof?

Tackling drought conditions

1022. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very extreme drought condition prevails in the country

and about 42 per cent of the country is abnormally dry; and

(b) if so, the details of measures being taken to meet the situation?

Piped water to all cities

1023. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has warned that 21 Indian cities will run out of groundwater by 2020 and 70 per cent of water bodies are contaminated, if so, the details thereof;

(b) details of the steps taken by Government and the steps it intends to take to deal with this national crisis; and

(c) status of the "Piped Water for all by 2024" project?

Financial assistance for flood control project in West Bengal

1024. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Kaliaghari-Kapaleswari-Baghari river excavation and Flood Control Project for which the Central Government has given financial assistance of ₹ 650 crore to West Bengal in financial year 2010-11 in the cost-sharing ratio of 75:25;

(b) the amount of funds spent on it till date; and

(c) the amount of funds given by the Central Government and how much money has been given by the State Government?

Fluoride affected habitations in Andhra Pradesh

1025. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fluoride affected habitations and population in Andhra Pradesh, details district-wise;

(b) the amount of fund sought and received by Andhra Pradesh Government under National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) scheme of National Drinking Water Programme to tackle the Fluoride problem;

(c) the details of number of Fluoride affected habitations and population now, as compared to three years ago, year-wise, district-wise;

(d) steps required by the Andhra Pradesh Government to tackle this Fluoride problem and ensure good quality water supply to people of affected habitations; and

(e) whether Government has made any such suggestions so far in this regard?

Status of Polavaram Irrigation Project

1026. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) status of the Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) as on date;

(b) funds that have been spent on PIP;

(c) funds that have been reimbursed to Andhra Pradesh Government till April, 2019 for incurring expenditure on PIP; and

(d) time by which Government proposes to complete the Project?

Plan for flood control

1027. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes for dredging in Brahmaputra river;
- (b) whether it is a fact that due to high sedimentation and steep slopes regular flood occur in the river during the monsoon;
- (c) report of Brahmaputra Board and its surveys and investigations in the Brahmaputra Valley; and
- (d) the present status of master plan for the control of floods, bank erosion and improvement of drainage thereat?

Forest clearance for Kaleshwaram Project

1028. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telangana has requested for clearance of forest land for Medigadda Barrage in Kaleshwaram Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has given the forest clearance?

National status for irrigation projects in Telangana

1029. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telangana has requested for National status for any irrigation project in Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial liability of the Central

Government in any irrigation project declared as National Project?

Extraction of groundwater

1030. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is the largest extractor of groundwater; and
- (b) if so, whether Government has any plan on replenishing groundwater resources from time to time to ensure water security?

Deficiency of oxygen in rivers

†1031. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many rivers in the country have become oxygen deficient;
- (b) if so, the details of rivers and places which are affected; and
- (c) the effect of paucity of oxygen on aquatic life and agriculture and the details thereof, State-wise?

'Nal Se Jal' Scheme

1032. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has come out with 'Nal Se Jal' Scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has set a target of providing tap water to every household by 2024;
- (c) if so, the detailed plan work out to achieve the target; and

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(d) action taken to bridge the gap of 43 per cent between water availability and requirement and the time-frame by which it would be met, State-wise and metro-city-wise?

ERCP for irrigation and drinking water

†1033. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government regarding East Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) for irrigation and drinking water facility in 13 districts of the State and if so, the cost of phase one of the project;

(b) whether the Central Government intends to accept this proposal of ERCP in the interest of people and if so, by when; and

(c) whether Government is intending to declare it as a national project and if so, by when?

Per capita availability of potable water

†1034. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria set to provide minimum potable water for each person in rural and urban areas of the country at daily-basis, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of potable water being provided in rural and urban settlements;

(c) the number of settlements which are away from the availability of pure potable water due to the quality of groundwater and other water resources; and

(d) by when the target of providing pure potable water to all will be achieved, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds for water projects

1035. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing/pending water projects in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the sanctioned/allocated funds have been released to various water projects for the State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received proposals for various water projects/programmes from Government of various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken in this regard?

Reduction in water level

†1036. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts where water level has reduced drastically and experts are calling it as going to dark zone;

(b) the arrangements made by the Ministry to prevent the water level from reaching dark zone;

(c) the aspects on which the Ministry has worked in the last decade to increase

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the groundwater level with the help of rain water and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the details thereof?

Action on inter-linking of rivers

†1037. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating on stepping up efforts for inter-linking of rivers;

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

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

Water emergency in cities

1038. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is staring at water emergency with reports stating that 21 cities, including Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad will run out of groundwater by 2020 if preventive measures are not taken urgently; and

(b) details of preventive measures taken by Government to tackle the water emergency in these cities?

Loan portal for MSMEs

†1039. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched

a portal to provide the loan for entrepreneurs of the micro, small and medium sector through which entrepreneurs are provided with loan in minimum time period and provision has also been made to give two per cent rebate on interest of the loan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the entrepreneurs of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sectors have got a great impetus by the said policy measures and positive and desired changes have occurred in performance of the MSME sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Jobs creation through NSIC for SC/ST

1040. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have availed benefits under the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub under National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for establishment of new enterprises during the past three years;

(b) the number of new jobs, if any, created for members of SC/ST community through the initiatives of NSIC during the said period; and

(c) the number of SC/ST enterprises provided with marketing assistance through the Special Marketing Assistance Scheme, as provided by National SC/ST Hub and how these enterprises have benefited from the assistance provided?

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Global competitiveness of Indian MSMEs sector

1041. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

(a) the efforts being made by Government for enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether technology, generally used by the MSMEs is a major cause for poor competitiveness of this sector;

(d) whether there is an urgent need to develop appropriate technologies for various manufacturing processes to bring down the cost in the MSMEs in the country; and

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

Funds for spinners/weavers

1042. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/programmes being implemented by Government for sustainability of khadi and improving the income of spinners/weavers across the country;

(b) whether the said schemes/programmes have achieved the desired results in the country during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, scheme/programme-wise and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of the funds provided under the said schemes/programmes along with its utilisation during the said period, scheme/programme-wise?

Credit worthiness of MSME sector

1043. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) steps taken by Government to improve credit worthiness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises during the last three years;

(b) whether Government plans to reduce infrastructural gaps for the MSME sector; and

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

Zero Defect, Zero Effect Scheme

1044. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of MSMEs that have started to follow the manufacturing patterns as provided in the guidelines of the Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) Scheme;

(b) whether the National Monitoring and Implementation Unit (NMIU), *i.e.*, the Quality Council of India been following the guidelines on a consistent basis; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism of reporting the periodic effect of the scheme of the environment and if so, the details thereof'?

DMF in Nellore

1045. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the date when District Mineral Foundation (DMF) was constituted in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than ₹ 24 crores have been collected so far under DMF in Nellore district;

(c) if so, reasons that in spite of taking so many projects, only ₹ 6 crores have been spent; and

(d) efforts being made by the Ministry to spend maximum amount for identified purposes in Nellore district under DMF?

Illegal land acquisition and mining

1046. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vast tribal lands are being acquired for large scale mining in the country;

(b) if so, details of the basis on which they have been acquired;

(c) the number of coal mines located in scheduled areas under Vth schedule of Constitution of India, details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of number of cases of illegal land acquisition and mining happening across India, State-wise?

Discovery of mineral reserves in Assam

1047. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several

mineral reserves have been discovered recently in various parts of Assam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these reserves have been auctioned by the State Government;

(c) if so, the details of money that the auction fetched to the State Government; and

(d) whether Government intends to direct the Assam Government to intensify its exploration and drilling operations in the State?

Scholarships for minorities

1048. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for scholarships exclusively for students from minority communities;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) details regarding pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means components of such scholarship schemes; and

(d) details regarding budget earmarked for this purpose during the last three years?

Fifteen Point Programme for welfare of minorities

1049. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's new Fifteen Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities is under implementation in the country, including the State of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details including the achievements made therein during the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any report of non-utilization of funds for minorities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the concerned officers, State/UT-wise?

Scheme for upliftment of minority communities

†1050. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on a scheme for the educational and social upliftment of minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of minorities

1051. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Summit on the empowerment of minorities has recently been held to review the progress and prosperity of poor, weaker sections, minorities and dalits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds allocated to the activities for progress of minorities are being utilised fully or remain unspent, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the funds allocated are sufficient and if not, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has any plan of including weaker sections of the forward castes in the minority class; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill development of women of minority communities

1052. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any assessment of the scheme for skill development of women of minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the achievements made under the scheme in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the number of women of minority communities who became skilled during the last three years?

Funds to civil services coaching institutes for minorities

1053. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to minority institutions in the country that are engaged in civil services coaching, during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government maintains any record regarding the number of students of the said institutions who passed civil services examinations; and

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

Beneficiaries of Naya Savera Scheme

1054. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the beneficiaries of Naya Savera Scheme till date, religious community-wise and State/UT-wise;

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(b) the details of the fund allocated, released and utilised by Government under the Naya Savera scheme till date, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the proposals received from project implementing agencies for the scheme till date, State/UT-wise?

Scholarship for students of minority community

1055. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide scholarship to one crore students of minority communities per year and also decided to narrow down the gap between mainstream school education and the Madarsa school system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to implement the scheme?

Schemes for minorities

†1056. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes prevailing for minorities in the country;

(b) the total amount spent on these schemes during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(c) the ratio of benefit extended to Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsi communities, respectively, by these schemes; and

(d) whether any social auditing has been conducted on the necessity of these schemes?

Scholarship to girls of minority communities

1057. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal of providing scholarship to girls of minority communities;

(b) if so, criteria for entitlement for such scholarship;

(c) total number of scholarships to be provided; and

(d) proposed amount of scholarship and yearly expenditure on such scholarships?

Black spots on roads

1058. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether police from different States have identified 8000 black spots on roads, which are dangerous for drivers and several serious accidents have happened in the past three years;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to minimise the accidents on highways?

Accident on Indian roads

1059. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Indian roads are the most dangerous in the world as around 1,46,133 people were killed in 2015 on Indian roads, which translates into 11 deaths per 100,000 people or one life snuffed out every 3.6 minutes as per Ministry's data?

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Arrangement of funds for NH development in Odisha

1060. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangement has been made for providing adequate funds in the Union Budget, 2018-19 to Ministry for repair, maintenance and development of National Highways in Odisha; and

(b) if not, whether Government will take immediate steps in this regard?

‘Char Dham’ road project

1061. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work has commenced on the ‘Char Dham’ project in the Uttarakhand State, if so, the detailed status thereof;

(b) whether an Environment Impact Assessment was conducted for the said project and if so, the findings of such assessment;

(c) whether the said project will negatively impact the ecology of the region due to felling of trees, soil erosion, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to mitigate those negative impacts?

Accidents on NHs

1062. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways in India are the most dangerous in the world and one life is snuffed out every 3.6 minutes;

(b) the number of accidents which occurred on National Highways (NHs) during the last three years and the number of lives lost in these accidents, NH/year-wise;

(c) whether accident prone areas on NHs have been identified and if so, steps taken to fix them;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the cause of accidents on NHs and if so, details thereof; and

(e) the details of medical facilities available on NHs?

Causes behind increasing road accidents

1063. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major cause for the increasing road accidents in the country is the rapid urbanisation, poor safety, lack of enforcement, distraction, influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding and failure to wear seat belts or helmets;

(b) whether Government is considering to set up any task force to study each aspect of such road accidents and to come out with remedial measures; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to road crashes

1064. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road crashes have emerged as the single biggest killer of people in the age group of 15 to 45;

(b) whether it is also a fact that we are

in the midst of a major pandemic and need of the hour is strong measure to address the issue; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?

Delayed projects under the Ministry

1065. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any developmental projects under the Ministry that have been delayed, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) details of action the Ministry will take to ensure delayed projects are fast-tracked?

NH projects in Telangana

1066. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telangana Government has proposed to convert Hyderabad-Narsapur-Medak-Yellareddy-Banswada-Bodan and Basara-Bhainsa to be taken up as a National Highway;

(b) if so, the date when such request has been made to the Ministry; and

(c) details of action taken by Central Government on the above stretch?

National Highway in Tamil Nadu

1067. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways road laying work underway in Tamil Nadu;

(b) targeted date of completion originally fixed for each Highway; and

(c) likely date of completion of each of the Highways in the State?

Bus shelter at NH-8

†1068. 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 arrangement of bus shelters at the bus stops of various villages and small towns situated on the Jaipur-Delhi National Highway Number 8, due to which bus travellers face the scorching heat and rain while waiting for the bus; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes being made by the Central Government, in view of public interest in this regard?

Progress in completion of Delhi-Meerut Highway

†1069. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Delhi-Meerut Highway and by when it is expected to be completed;

(b) whether Government is planning to keep it toll-free and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to restrict commercial vehicles from plying on this highway and if so, the details thereof?

Land acquisition for road projects

1070. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that major reason for delay in road project is the hurdles faced in land acquisition;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry will help the State Government to increase the pace of land acquisition through various measures;

(c) the target of construction of highway fixed for the current financial year in the country, and how far it compares with that of the previous year; and

(d) whether the constraints faced by lenders to fund road projects have been addressed and resolved and if so, the details thereof?

Status of bridge on NH at Palarivattom

1071. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that a new bridge on National Highway at Palarivattom, Kerala, built just two years ago is on the verge of collapse;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that Kerala Government is going ahead with the repairing of the bridge inspite of report from IIT, Chennai, that entire structure of the bridge is unsafe;

(c) whether Ministry will issue direction that the bridge be completely dismantled and build a new bridge;

(d) the details of action taken against the Court order; and

(e) whether Ministry is aware that the same contractor is building the Uytilla and Kundannoor bridge?

Accident prone black spots on roads

1072. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified accident prone black spots on roads which are life threatening for the travelers;

(b) if so, State-wise detailed report thereon;

(c) action proposed and taken so far with budgetary allocation to rectify the black-spots-fatality-zone areas;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to abolish passenger tax which are charged by the State Governments; and

(e) if so, reason thereof and *in-lieu* support to State Governments by the Centre thereto?

E-challan System to check traffic laws' violations

1073. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented E-challan System to effectively check violations like drunk driving, overspeeding and other traffic laws;

(b) whether the E-challan System is operational in all States of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Emergency landing airstrip on NH in AP

1074. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nellore-Ongole National Highway has been selected for emergency landing airstrip in case of national security and for addressing the logistic necessities;

(b) whether it is a fact that Ongole-Chilakaluripeta stretch has also been identified for the above purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

Declaration of a new National Highway in Odisha

1075. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Odisha Government in its letter No. 16451 dated 19.12.2016 has recommended 30 State roads covering 2483 kilometres in length to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for consideration as new National Highways; and

(b) if so, reasons as to why the Ministry is not taking any decision in the matter whereas Government of India has declared various State roads as National Highways in other States?

Guidelines regarding width of NHs

1076. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether there has been any guidelines regarding the width of the National Highways (NHs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has recently received any representation from the State Governments seeking the relaxation in the width of NHs; and

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

Traffic accidents in Madhya Pradesh

†1077. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of casualties in traffic accidents during the last three years and the current year on National Highways and State Highways in Madhya Pradesh and the preventive measures taken thereof, route-wise, year-wise?

Draft depth in Indian ports

1078. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major ports in the country cannot handle very large vessels due to lack of proper draft depth;

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

(c) the measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether Government is planning to open up the dredging market to global players, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

Cruise service on Ganga river in Varanasi

1079. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently introduced cruise service on Ganga river in Varanasi and other river beds and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether Government has engaged public and private sector in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of river-circuits identified by Government along with their promotion proposals;

(d) the present status of construction of new Cruise Terminals in the country at various ports; and

(e) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for this purpose?

**Development of CEZ Thoothukudi,
Tamil Nadu**

1080. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to develop Coastal Economic Zones (CEZ) at Thoothukudi in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coastal Employment Zones

1081. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Coastal Employment Zones (CEZs) along the coastline of the country;

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

(c) whether Government has earmarked any job quota for the fishermen in these CEZs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same?

Development of waterways

1082. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the potential of waterways in our country is immense;

(b) whether NW-1 is a right step to explore waterways and develop them as an alternative to road and rail transport; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to ensure that there are no undue delays in approving projects so that waterways can be developed at a sustainable cost and balance could be created between all modes of freight transport?

**New major ports at Duggarajapatnam,
A.P.**

1083. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government has asked it to expedite the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of sports among rural
youth**

1084. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced any policy/programme for promotion of

sports among rural youth in the country especially in Jharkhand;

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

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government to increase the participation of the rural youth in sports?

Allocation for National Programme for Development of Sports

1085. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated on National Programme for Development of Sports during the last three years, State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds released/spent/unspent on said Programme during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the funds released are sufficient to achieve the desired goals; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

Integrated sports complex in Gujarat

†1086. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constructed an Integrated sports complex in rural blocks of districts of Gujarat under any sports related scheme;

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

(c) the details of works done to organise sports tournaments in the rural blocks of the districts of Gujarat during the last two years?

Financial assistance for urban sports complex

1087. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Governments sought financial assistance for creation of urban sports infrastructure in their towns;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received from States, State-wise;

(c) whether these proposals have been considered and approved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the present status of such proposals?

Sports infrastructure and facilities in schools and colleges

1088. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the poor sports infrastructure and facilities in schools and colleges across the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the sports infrastructure in schools and colleges over the last three years; and

(c) details of expenditure on providing or improving sports infrastructure in schools and colleges over the last three years?

Harnessing experience of retired persons in sports

1089. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of policies undertaken by the

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Ministry to increase the pension of retired sportspersons in different sports/games; and

(b) innovative methods being implemented to harness the experience of the retired sportspersons and measures to retain them, the details thereof?

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

1090. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of steps taken by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development for promoting youth development, especially in Jharkhand; and

(b) details of the skill development plan viz. Diploma in Mental Health for Scheduled Tribe (ST) youth in Jharkhand under the MoU between Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Youth Development and Dr. Guislain Svastha Education Trust?

National Sports University

†1091. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) the number of National Sports Universities functional at present in the country;

(b) details of the talented players who have been trained by these universities, sports-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry is also considering to establish a National Sports University in Uttar Pradesh?

Promotion of sports among rural youth

†1092. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is running several schemes to promote participation of rural youth in the sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government is considering to introduce any scheme in this regard?

Vacant posts of coaches

†1093. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the number of National Sports Universities functional in the country at present;

(b) the number of vacant posts of coaches in these universities State-wise/university-wise;

(c) the number of foreign coaches appointed in the country and their salaries State-wise;

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- (d) the number of Indian coaches appointed in the country and their salaries State-wise; and promoting Indian coaches rather than hiring foreigner ones in order to provide opportunities to the promising persons in the country?
- (e) whether Government will consider

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