

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 8, 2019/Ashadha 17, 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

Challengers before CIL to ramp up production

1574. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land acquisition environmental and forestry clearances, law and order situation and Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) issues are major challenges to ramp up production by Coal India Limited (CIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Coal India Limited is also beset with evacuation issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allotment of coal blocks to Edlapur and Godhna TPS

1575. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) steps taken by Ministry to allot coal blocks to Edlapur and Godhna Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) in Karnataka;

(b) whether Ministry is aware that due to non-availability of linkages, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is not giving the necessary clearance;

(c) details of constraints that the Ministry is facing to allot Ghogarpalli and dip side of Ghogarpalli coal block situated in Odisha; and

(d) by when the Ministry would expedite the issue and facilitate coal linkages to above power plants?

Subsidiaries of CIL

1576. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited (CIL) is chasing a target of 660 million tonne stipulated in MoU;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many subsidiaries of CIL have taken measures to keep production during the monsoon months on an even level;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CIL is facing problem in some of its subsidiary companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage in production of coal

1577. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of coal in financial year 2018-19 has been recorded at 606.89 MT which is around 3MT short of its planned production target of 610MT;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the production was 92MT in the first quarter of financial year 2019-20 as well as production was negative in the months of April and May; and

(d) if so, action plan of Ministry to achieve the envisaged production target of 660MT in financial year 2019-20?

Production of coal in NLC

1578. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that production of coal in Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) has decreased in recent years;

(b) if so, the coal production during last three years;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to safeguard the coal miners after recent deaths in Tripura; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption cases in SECL

†1579. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the serious cases of

corruption and irregularity in various projects of South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL) have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation of these cases has been conducted by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of action taken against those found guilty?

Transportation of coal

1580. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures which are conducive to environment while transporting coal from the mining sites to Thermal Power Plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has studied/observed the best practices that are being followed internationally in transportation of coal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in coal projects

1581. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed coal projects costing more than ₹ 500 crore and capacity more than 3 million tonnes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons identified for delay in the projects; and

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(d) whether the problems have been resolved to expedite those delayed projects and if so, the details thereof?

Quality of ammunitions supplied to ordnance factories

†1582. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ammunitions with inferior quality are being supplied from Government Ordnance Factory Board;

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

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

Shortfall of Commissioned Officers in Armed Forces

1583. DR. D.P. VATS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total shortfall of Commissioned Officers in Armed Forces;

(b) the selection rate of various categories of candidates reporting to Service Selection Boards (SSBs);

(c) the actual percentage of candidates joining the training academies after being recommended by SSBs; and

(d) measures being taken by Government to meet the shortfall of officers?

Clearance for a bridge in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu

1584. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bridge across Adyar connecting Tharapakkam and Anakaputhur villages in Kanchipuram

district in Tamil Nadu is awaiting clearance over a linear stretch of 0.24 acre of land owned by Indian Air Force, Tambaram since 2011; and

(b) whether Government will give early clearance for the bridge in public interest?

Crash of Indian Air Force Flights

1585. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a serious note of continuous crashes of nearly ten flights during the last six months, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the failures of these air force flights; and

(c) whether Government has noticed any human errors, apart from technical snags in these flights?

Facilities provided to the Indian soldiers

†1586. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities being provided to Indian soldiers according to their eligibility;

(b) whether Government has received any complaint regarding failure in providing facilities to soldiers as per their eligibility;

(c) if so, the details thereof in the current year and during last three years;

(d) the details of action taken against the erring personnel in this case, during the said period; and

(e) the details of the arrangements made by Government to monitor such complaints of soldiers?

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Non-deployment of upgraded AN-32 aircrafts in the North-East

1587. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the total fleet of over 100 AN-32 aircrafts, IAF has only 46 upgraded AN-32 aircrafts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that none of the 46 upgraded AN-32 aircrafts were deployed in the North-East by the IAF; and

(c) if so, reasons for not deploying upgraded AN-32 aircrafts in the North-East by the IAF?

AN 32 aircraft crash

1588. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it, is a fact that the probe ordered into the cause of the crash of AN-32 aircraft found no survivors in it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had informed the families of the victims of the said crash; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Defence production corridor in Bundelkhand

1589. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to develop Bundelkhand Region, Prime Minister had made an announcement for a defence production corridor in Bundelkhand of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of progress made so far in setting up of defence production units; and

(c) the estimated time required to complete the defence production corridor project?

Scholarship to children of Defence personnel

1590. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total increase made in the scholarship amount given to the children of defence personnel from the National Defence Fund;

(b) whether Government is planning to take any such welfare initiatives for Defence personnel and for their families; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Price ceiling on purchase of four wheelers from CSD

1591. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of procedure for purchase of four wheelers from Canteen Stores Department (CSD) by defence personnel;

(b) whether Government has put a price ceiling on the purchase of four wheeler vehicles that can be bought from the CSD;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has also put a cap of engine capacity for the purchase of four wheelers from CSD by defence personnels; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Testing of unmanned scramjet demonstration aircraft

1592. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has tested the unmanned scramjet demonstration aircraft recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this hypersonic technology demonstrator is manufactured with indigenous technology?

Violations of the ceasefire on the Indo-Pak border

1593. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
DR. L. HANUMAN-
THAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of violations of the ceasefire on the Indo-Pak border is increasing, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of violations reported during the last year and this year, year-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop ceasefire violations;

(d) whether any discussions had been held with Pakistan in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of Pakistan thereon?

Revision of OROP scheme

1594. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has constituted a Committee to work out the modalities and

methodology for revision of One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether upward revision of pension is envisaged due to increase in pensions under the Seventh Central Pay Commission;

(d) whether representations were received from some veteran pensioners for effective equalisation under OROP, despite increase in pension due to Seventh Pay Commission; and

(e) if so, the response of Government?

Deployment of AN-32 aircraft in the North-East

1595. SHRI RAJEEV
CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many AN-32 aircraft in action in the North-East are not upgraded;

(b) the number of AN-32 aircrafts that required upgrade in advanced avionics, navigation and communication equipment;

(c) timeline by which the upgrade of Indian Air Force's AN-32 aircrafts will be complete; and

(d) whether Government will stop use of non-upgraded AN-32 aircrafts in the North-East?

Shortage of medicines at ECHS polyclinics

1596. SHRI RAJEEV
CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of acute shortage of medicines at ECHS (Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme) polyclinics especially in remote areas;

(b) steps taken for digital monitoring of the procurement, stocking and disbursement of medicines under ECHS and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to frame a policy, pursuant to which ECHS members would be allowed to buy non-available medicines from the local market on reimbursement basis; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

Export of Missiles

†1597. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating export of missiles;

(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?

Shortage of staff in ordnance factories

1598. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ordnance factories across the country are grappling with an acute shortage of staff and most of the vacancies are in technical field;

(b) if so, the details of vacancies in each factories; and

(c) the specific reasons for not filling up of those vacancies and by when these are likely to be filled up?

Cases of AN-32 crash

1599. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that IAF has

recently lost its fifth Russian origin AN-32 military transport Aircraft launched in 1984 after taking off for Jorhat in Assam, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that these aircrafts have been involved in more than fifteen incidents since 1986, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any action to replace those aircrafts and if so, the details thereof?

Soldiers sacrificed on Indo-Pak border and Kashmir

†1600. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the repeated terrorist attacks on India-Pakistan border and Kashmir during the past three years; and

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

Green Climate Fund

1601. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's contribution/participation in the UNFCCC's (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) Green Climate Fund, introduced to tackle climate change;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to introduce a Climate Change Fund within India as well for implementing climate change strategies; and

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

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Comprehensive environmental pollution index

1602. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has revamped the Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) criteria;

(b) if so, number of States which have been categorized as critically polluted;

(c) details of steps taken by Ministry for these States; and

(d) details of action plan formulated by Ministry for States depending on the new criteria they fall in?

Pending infrastructure projects in tribal areas

1603. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of development/infrastructure projects, which were taken up in areas where tribal rights are involved, are stalled now due to pending clearances as the developers are not caring for tribal rights;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to streamline the rules/regulations/guidelines so that the tribals are not affected and also the development/infrastructure projects are not stalled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sewage treatment plants

†1604. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sewage from over 550 cities is being drained into the rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of the sewage treatment plants constructed, so far, in order to prevent the flow of sewage into rivers, place-wise?

Discovery of new plant and animal species

1605. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 596 new plant and animal species were discovered in India last year;

(b) if so, the details of the newly identified plant and animal species with their region of discoveries; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to infuse funds to Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)?

Effect of air pollution on children

1606. 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 air pollution is killing a significant

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percentage of children before they are turning five year of age in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to curtail the air pollution?

Technology difficiency in SMEs

1607. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SMEs are lacking in the latest technologies to generate efficient and high quality production and compete in the global market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of Asiatic Lions

1608. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Forest Department for conservation of Asiatic Lions;

(b) budget allocated and released by Government for conservation of the Asiatic Lions *vis-a-vis* Tigers and Elephants in the last three years; and

(c) whether Government mulls opening up the modern and world class diagnostic facilities for the Lions and Elephants?

Deaths of fishes in rivers

1609. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution control boards across the country enquired about the dead fishes in rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the cause of deaths of fishes was the release of untreated sewage which resulted in the depletion of oxygen levels in the river; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Statistical data of forestry sector

1610. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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

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

(g) the steps taken to overcome this problem; and

(h) the details of revenue earned from forests during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Eco-sensitive areas in Western Ghats

1611. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is finding it difficult to bring on board various States for earmarking Eco-Sensitive Areas (ESA) in Western Ghats;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any fresh attempt to bring consensus among various States to declare certain areas as Eco-Sensitive Areas (ESA) in Western Ghats;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Critically endangered species

1612. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified critically endangered species for taking up focused programme of conservation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have conducted any survey/census to find out the number of important species of flora and fauna in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Ozone pollution

1613. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ozone pollution has increased in Delhi/NCR this summer as compared to last year;

(b) if so, whether any survey/study or analysis has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard keeping in view the seriousness of this issue?

Plantation of trees

1614. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a resolve on World Environment Day to plant a large number of trees in the country;

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

(c) the total number of trees proposed to be planted in the years 2019 and 2020;

(d) whether Government proposes to plant medicinal and fruit bearing trees at various locations in the country; and

(e) whether suitable sites for tree plantation have been identified and if so, details thereof?

National Regulator for environment

†1615. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to appoint a National Regulator and open its offices across the country for assessment of projects, implementation of environment standards for approval and to impose a penalty on polluters in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

Rehabilitation of families displaced due to Kharak dam Project

1616. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that around 300 families in Madhya Pradesh displaced due to Kharak dam project are still awaiting rehabilitation since 2011;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in rehabilitation; and

(c) the details of rehabilitation given to tribals under the Forest Rights Act?

Restoration of degraded land

1617. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 2016 report by the Indian Space Research Organization has found that about 29 per cent of India's land is degraded;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India had committed to restore 13 million hectares of degraded and deforested land by the year 2020; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Radiation from cellphone towers harming birds, insects and plants

1618. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that European Union (EU) funded review body EKLIPSE has concluded that radiation from cellphone towers, phone masts, WiFi and broadcast transmitters is a potential risk to insect and bird orientation and plant health;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken cognisance of the fact that the report found that the magnetic orientation of birds,

mammals and invertebrates such as insects and spiders could be disrupted by Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR); and

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

Curbing pollution in Delhi

1619. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi has become the most polluted city in the world;

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

(c) steps taken by Government in curbing the pollution in Delhi;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of NCT Delhi with regard to curbing air pollution;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Ministry thereto; and

(f) details of funds spent on the projects of Delhi Government which are aimed to curb pollution in Delhi, if any?

Studies on afforestation

1620. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any field survey to determine the total land available in the country for afforestation;

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

(c) whether Government plans to undertake such a study in the future and if so, the details thereof?

Health problems due to deteriorating air quality

1621. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Air Quality (AQ) of the major cities including metropolitan cities has reached the most dangerous level thereby causing severe health problem to all its residents;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has drawn any comprehensive plan/contingent plan to tackle the issue of deteriorating air quality due to which children and aged persons are severely affected;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Production Forests

1622. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether conversion to 'Production Forests' from forest land affects the number of claims recognized under Forest Rights Act, 2006;

(b) if so, its impact on the claim recognition; and

(c) if not, measures Government will undertake to ensure fair and swift claim recognition process of forest dwellers and tribals under Forest Rights Act, 2006?

Action against factories and mills for polluting environment

†1623. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of factories and mills against which action was taken for making noise, air and water pollution in National Capital Region and Rajasthan during last three years and the details of such action; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cutting of trees in Hamirpur, HP

†1624. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of trees are being cut in Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh and Government has given clearance to cut the trees in the State; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the action being taken by Government against the people responsible for cutting the trees?

Report of National Centre for Climate Restoration, Australia

1625. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a report of National Centre for Climate Restoration, Australia on present civilization and existential threat;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per said report human civilization may end by 2050; and

(c) details of proposal by Government to tackle the threat and immediate road map to save the climate and environment?

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Action taken to combat the pollution

1626. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11 out of 12 most polluted cities on a World Health Organization's list published in 2018 were in India with Delhi featuring at number 6 and is the most polluted capital city in the world;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any decision to combat air pollution in Delhi; and

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

Afforestation in lieu of diverted forest land

1627. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 20,000 hectares of forest land was diverted during the last three years *i.e.* 2015-18;

(b) whether Government has invested the money collected in lieu of such diversion as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for equivalent afforestation; and

(c) if so, the details of such diversion and afforestation?

Ban on traditional animal sports

1628. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of traditional animal

sports banned in the country in recent years;

(b) whether Government will take steps to exempt traditional animal sports like bull taming, bullock cart race from the ban;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Green cover in the country

1629. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of area in India that have adequate green cover of trees and forest;

(b) names of the States that have highest green cover and also those having lowest green cover; and

(c) whether people are comparatively more healthy in the more green coverage States than the States having less green coverage area?

Loss due to climate change

†1630. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire world, especially India, is suffering a huge loss every year due to climate change;

(b) whether about 4000 deaths take place every year due to severe problems like climate change, in the country;

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government to resolve this issue; and

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

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Measures to control air pollution

†1631. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to take measures to prevent deteriorating condition of air so that pollution can be controlled immediately and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to bring a legislation having the provision of stringent punishment against the people causing air pollution, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Action plan to control toxic air

1632. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that toxic air is fast increasing in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that toxic air contributes in a big way to cancer disease in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with an action plan to control this abuse?

Plantation of trees along railway lines/NHs

†1633. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to terrible heat waves this summer, a large number of people died in different States of North India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that due to

indiscriminate cutting of forests, this situation is increasingly becoming frightening, year after year; and

(c) whether Government proposes to implement a comprehensive scheme to plant trees along the railway lines and on both sides of National Highways and whether Government would spend the required amount for this purpose from Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Fund?

Receding Himalayan Glaciers

1634. DR. T. SUBBARAMI

REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether a research paper has recently revealed that Himalayan glaciers are receding at a considerable rate and may vanish in the future;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has examined the issue to find out the factual position;

(c) whether it would have an impact on climate change and water flow in Ganga and other rivers would be reduced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental education and awareness

1635. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: 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

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environmental education, awareness and training during the last two years;

(b) whether World Bank's 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?

Air Pollution in Delhi

1636. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is one of the most polluted city of the world;

(b) if so, details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to control pollution level in Delhi;

(c) details of the sources responsible for air pollution in Delhi;

(d) whether there is any proposal to promote the use of eco-friendly transport including bicycle for common man to check pollution in the city and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the precautionary steps and action taken to tackle severe air pollution in Delhi NCR during upcoming winter season?

Pollution due to polythene

†1637. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to put a check on the use of polythene in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the plan of Government to control the pollution caused by the use of polythene?

Implementation of National Electric Mobility Mission Plan

1638. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020;

(b) whether Government is lagging behind in terms of achieving the target of 6 to 7 million sales of such hybrid vehicles by 2020 under the FAME Scheme, if so, the reasons therefor, along with the details of target achieved so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the implementation of FAME Scheme?

Revival of loss making PSUs

1639. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) closed and/or are in the process of closure;

(b) whether any valuation of the land and other property/equipment of these PSUs have been made by Government for being sold off;

(c) if so, the details thereof, PSU-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts made by Government for the revival of these loss-making PSUs?

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Digital Radio Broadcasting

1640. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to migrate to 'Digital Radio Broadcasting' from existing type of broadcasting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also planning to phase out Short Wave (SW) transmitters in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Effect of reality shows on children

1641. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is of the opinion that no programme should be carried on TV which denigrates children and programmes meant for children should not contain any bad language or explicit scenes of violence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that channels have been advised to exercise maximum restraint, sensitivity and caution while showing such reality shows and programmes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Inappropriate manner on dance reality shows

1642. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked all private satellite TV channels to avoid showing children in an indecent, suggestive and inappropriate manner on

dance reality shows or other such programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many dance based reality TV shows portray young children performing dance moves originally done by adult in movies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Achievement under SBM

1643. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that targets of most of the States under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has been achieved during the last three years;

(b) the targets for SBM and their percentage achieved during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the estimated targets for various States under SBM for next three years?

Survey on scarcity of water

1644. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is huge scarcity of water in various parts of the country;

(b) whether any survey has been carried out to measure the total demand and the existing supply of water in big cities of the countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to restore ground water level and ensure adequate supply of drinkable water?

Piped drinking water supply to all rural households

1645. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to provide piped drinking water supply to all rural households in the country over the next three years in a sustainable manner;

(b) whether Government also proposes to focus on water conservation, source sustainability, shortage and reuse wherever possible by involving the village communities; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and time-frame for implementation of the scheme?

Per capita availability of water

1646. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the national average of per capita availability of water;

(b) the per capita availability of water, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve water availability in water-deficit States?

Irrigation projects under PMKSY

1647. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects functioning under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in the country, State-wise, at present;

(b) the area covered under irrigation under the each project; and

(c) the details of measures undertaken by Government to promote extension activities related to farm water management and crop alignment for farmers and grass root level field functionaries?

Allocation of Swachh Bharat Fund towards IEC activities

1648. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the financial year 2017-18, only ₹ 200.70 crore out of a total of ₹ 10,678.49 crore was spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to induce a behavioural change in the sanitation habits of the public;

(b) if so, the reasons for spending only 1.87 per cent of Swachh Bharat Fund on sensitizing the public towards proper sanitation;

(c) due to such a meagre allocation, whether Government feels that IEC activities are not required for Swachh Bharat Mission to be a success; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

CAG report on NRDWP targets

1649. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India tabled in Parliament, the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), has failed to achieve its targets of supplying safe drinking water to all rural habitations by 2017; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government plans to take to set new targets and ensure the new targets are met?

Major Lift Irrigation Project

1650. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jawahar Nettampadu Lift Major Irrigation Project which benefits Mahaboob Nagar district in Telangana commenced in 2005, but has not yet been completed;

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

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

(d) whether the likely date of completion was 2012; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not completing within the time-frame and by when it is going to be completed?

Drought conditions in the country

1651. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the storage in the country's reservoirs is just over normal, compared to the levels for this time of the year and those in western and southern regions are way behind those levels;

(b) whether according to the data monitored by the Central Water Commission, Maharashtra, Karnataka and parts of Tamil Nadu are facing drought conditions and acute water shortage; and

(c) whether the residents of Chennai have been facing an unprecedented shortage of drinking water with only fortnightly tanker supplies of potable water arranged by the city's Water Supply Corporation?

Piped water for rural households

1652. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 80 per cent rural households are yet to get piped water supply in the country;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for providing adequate water supply to every rural areas through piped water in the country?

Issues of water crisis in the country

1653. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has called a meeting of Water Resources Minister's of State Governments recently to discuss the issue of water crisis in the country;

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting and the issues discussed and decisions taken;

(c) whether the issues of water conservation, providing drinking water and sanitation have been addressed to, with a time-bound programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation of groundwater

1654. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether exploitation of groundwater

and its overuse has led to very visible and consistent water crisis and if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether Surveys by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and Indian and US space agencies, viz. ISRO and NASA respectively paint a frightening picture and if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) features of Atal Bhujal Yojana for sustainable management of groundwater with community participation; and

(d) whether geographical priority areas have been identified under the Yojana and if so, the details of the identified over-exploited and water stressed areas for implementation of the Yojana, State-wise, including Karnataka?

Scarcity of potable water

1655. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of scarcity of potable water in most of the villages in the country covered under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

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

(c) whether Government proposes to review the NRDWP as to their outcome in terms of physical and financial targets during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Task force on interlinking of rivers

1656. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2003, Government had set up a high-powered

task force on interlinking of rivers and the Committee had submitted its report to Government in the same year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand on the proposal for interlinking the rivers in the country?

Impact on health of teenage girls due to open defecation

1657. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a survey report titled Teenage Girls (TAG) Report, 2018 claiming that around 40 per cent of teenage girls in the country still have to practice open defecation;

(b) whether the survey also found that 46 per cent of teenage girls use unhygienic materials during menstruation and that one out of every second girl was anaemic; and

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

Piped water for rural households

†1658. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on any comprehensive plan to provide piped water to every household in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work on the plan to provide piped water to every household is in full swing in the rural areas of the country and is scheduled to be completed within stipulated time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Sanitation facility in rural areas

1659. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rural areas of the country covered with total sanitation facility so far;

(b) whether huge part of amount that was allocated under total sanitation facility schemes is lying unspent in some States;

(c) if so, the status of expenditure in this regard, State-wise;

(d) whether any social audit has been done by Government to look at the performance of the schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

AIBP proposals from HP Government

1660. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals received from Himachal Pradesh Government under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) are pending with Government for approval;

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

(c) whether Government has received any requests for relaxation in the parameters for hill States as they cannot be equated with other States where cost of execution of projects is comparatively less; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Action plan for pollution free rivers

1661. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, day by day, the rivers of the country including Ganga, Yamuna, Ghaggar and others are stinking like a sewer drain due to pollution;

(b) if so, the detailed report thereof;

(c) whether Government is serious to take effective and time bound action plan to make pollution free rivers; and

(d) if so, the details of proposal and technical reports thereon?

Government's efforts in cleaning river Ganga

†1662. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every efforts of Government to clean the river Ganga have not got desired results;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the time period required by Government to clean the river Ganga?

Irrigation projects in Maharashtra

1663. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several irrigation projects in Maharashtra which could solve the irrigation as well as drinking water problem remain incomplete and many of them are running at a snail's pace due to non-release of funds by Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and since when they are under implementation; and

(c) details of effective action Government proposes to take to complete

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these irrigation projects in the State within a time-frame?

Rainwater harvesting in public buildings

1664. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to make rainwater harvesting system mandatory in all Government structures and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has created any regulations in this regard to implement the same for all new constructions and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to encourage rainwater storage facilities in its public buildings and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is considering to make rainwater harvesting mandatory for building over 100 sq. metres and above; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Water survey in Bihar

†1665. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey, so far, of small rivers and other water bodies which are in abundance in the mountainous areas of Kaimur, Nevada, Aurangabad, Rohtas, Gaya and Bhagalpur in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of rivers and other water bodies surveyed by Government for storing water through watershed for irrigation and details of those being surveyed; and

(c) if not, the details of the future action plan of Government in this direction and by when the target has been fixed for its completion?

Depletion in groundwater level

†1666. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has district-wise information of groundwater level in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the policy of Government in place on water harvesting, in view of depleting water level; and

(c) whether Government is considering to impose a new tax on water supplied to the commercial establishments like big five star hotels/companies/gymnasiums etc.?

Quantity of water released to Pakistan

†1667. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more water is being released to Pakistan from Harika Pattan Barrage situated in Tarantaran district than before;

(b) whether more water is being released to Pakistan from Ravi river also than before; and

(c) to what extent the storage capacity has been increased during the last three years to stop the hilly water from flowing into Pakistan, year-wise details thereof?

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Skill development under PMEGP

1668. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to augment skill development under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP);

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

(c) the initiatives taken by Government to strengthen the PMEGP and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the target of employment set by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the progress for the same?

Establishment of SSIs

1669. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Small Scale Industries (SSIs) to encourage Khadi in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such industries established during the last three years?

Sale of Khadi products

1670. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sales of Khadi products has increased during the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details on the sales of Khadi products during the past three years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government during the said period to promote Khadi?

Census on unorganised sector units

1671. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any census on the unorganised sector units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of PMEGP

1672. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people that have received employment through Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) during the last three years in both agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, State/UT-wise;

(b) if Government has been able to reach the targets set under the PMEGP during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reactions of Government thereto;

(d) the steps that have been taken under the PMEGP to help women get employment opportunities and the number of women who have benefited from the scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether Government has any plans to expand the scheme in the future and if so, the details thereof?

Criteria for reserved items for SSI

†1673. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria to bring a product under the category of reserved items for Small Scale Industry (SSI);

(b) whether Government has made any changes in these criteria to benefit multinational as well as big companies;

(c) if so, the details of the changes made; and

(d) response of Government on the justification of these changes?

Schemes for development of MSMEs

1674. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on providing special schemes, incentives and concessions to MSMEs sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the relaxations being offered to facilitate the MSMEs that are facing financial and infrastructural crunch in the country; and

(d) whether any funds have already been released so far, if so, the details thereof, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Development of MSMEs in Maharashtra

1675. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided adequate financial support and facilities to the Maharashtra Government for the development of MSME sector in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) effective measures Government has taken to impart requisite training and support to the entrepreneurs in MSME sector of the State and in particular to the women entrepreneurs?

Reservation of Iron Ore Mines in favour of IDCOL

1676. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Odisha Government for reservation of Thakurani Block A Iron Ore Mines in favour of the Industrial Development Corporation of Odisha Ltd. (IDCOL) has been pending with the Ministry since last year;

(b) whether the Ministry will consider to accord necessary approval for reservation of the Thakurani Block A Iron Ore Mines in favour of IDCOL under Section 17 (2) of the MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015; and

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

Rat Hole Mining

†1677. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rat Hole Mining has been banned in Meghalaya and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of

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the fact that Rat Hole Mining still continues in many parts of the State due to which the water of Kopili river has become acidic; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to curb the same and the details including achievements made in this regard?

National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd.

1678. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established the National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd. (NAWADCO) for developing Waqf properties in the country and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether NAWADCO has not developed a single property so far and the targets set in this regard are not being achieved;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the properties of Waqf Board are encroached and illegally occupied and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total revenue of Waqf Board in the country and the details of different schemes being run with these funds; and

(f) steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Report by National Commission for minorities

1679. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has prepared a report providing a comprehensive definition of minority and decided on the criteria for

determining minority status of a community;

(b) whether Government has received the report and examined it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in scholarships to minorities

1680. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to reduce the grant/scholarship to the meritorious students belonging to minority communities for pursuing higher education;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to discontinue the fellowship from this academic year itself; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Geo-tagging and regulation of Waqf properties

1681. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to geo-tag Waqf properties and if so, the details thereof;

(b) details of the role of Muslim organisations in this process;

(c) whether Government is planning to make changes to the Waqf Properties (Lease Rules), 2014; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

BPL among minorities

1682. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to carry out a survey to identify the minorities

including Muslims living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in each State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes formulated for improving the economic condition of the minorities?

Fatal road accidents on the National Highways

1683. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in fatal road accidents on the National Highways, if so, the details thereof during the last two years; and

(b) whether Government proposes to install CCTV cameras to monitor rash driving and to regulate speed, install Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) system on National Highways, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Educational qualification for driving licence

1684. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is likely to waive off mandatory educational qualification for truckers and bus drivers for seeking a driving licence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government would amend this rule and issue a draft notification shortly for comments from stakeholders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of truck drivers

1685. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of 22 lakh drivers in the transport and logistics sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to provide any relaxation to the drivers of medium and heavy transport vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Land acquisition for highway projects

1686. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currently 23 national highway projects are facing delay in completion because of land acquisition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on an average, NHAI acquires around 10,000 hectares of land a year and disburses ₹ 10,000 crore as compensation; and

(d) the target fixed by the NHAI for land acquisition in the current fiscal?

Petrol pumps to be setup on NHAI along the Expressway

1687. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to setup petrol pumps on NHAI along the Expressway;

(b) whether these petrol pumps will be wholly Government owned or the mechanism under which it will be given to private players;

(c) whether Government will make provisions for newcomers and first timers to enter in the bid to setup petrol pumps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accidents on highways

1688. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on highways over the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) steps taken by Government to reduce the number of accidents on highways?

NHs in Gujarat

†1689. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the districts which would be connected to National Highways (NHs) in the State of Gujarat, under Bharatmala Project;

(b) the details of the works executed, in this regard, so far and the districts which have been connected to Bharatmala Project, in the State of Gujarat; and

(c) the funds released under this project to the State of Gujarat and the amount utilised for the same, so far?

Approval for construction of NHs in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

1690. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of ROAD

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given acceptance for construction of National Highways in the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the National Highways considered for construction; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated and released so far for their early construction?

EIA for Chennai-Salem Highway

1691. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was not obtained before acquiring land for the proposed Chennai-Salem Highway which will cut its way through a slew of agricultural land due to which the people are protesting; and

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

Construction work under DBFOT scheme in M.P.

†1692. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the block related construction work under Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) scheme in Madhya Pradesh was supposed to be completed within 36 months;

(b) if so, the details of the work completed so far and the reasons behind non-completion of the work within the deadline and whether any concrete action

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has been taken against the Company so far to which the work order was issued; and

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

Accidents on NHs in Rajasthan

1693. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of accidents occurred, persons killed and injured on National Highways in Rajasthan during the last three years due to damaged highways and traffic congestion;

(b) whether it is a fact that majority of these accidents were caused by heavy vehicles, mainly trucks and buses, which passes through the main city;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by Government to prevent accidents on National Highways in Rajasthan?

Major hindrances in ensuring road safety

1694. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether faulty road design and complex coordination mechanism of Government agencies are the major hindrances in ensuring road safety; and

(b) whether Government is taking any initiative to strengthen the provisions relating to motor vehicles and make road contractors and consultants accountable for faulty road design and construction?

Efforts to construct quality roads

1695. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the roads under National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are in bad condition leading to fatal accidents; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ being taken by Government to construct quality roads in the country?

Development and maintenance of NHs in Telangana and A.P.

1696. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that National Highways in the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are in dilapidated condition which needs to be maintained properly for smooth running of vehicles, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified the number of National Highway roads which are in bad condition and need early redevelopment, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has earmarked funds for this purpose, if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to redevelop and maintain the National Highways in the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh at the earliest?

Bharatmala projects along Indo-Nepal border areas

†1697. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of road construction is being done by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the strategically important Indo-Nepal border area under the Bharatmala project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work of construction of road in strategically important Indo-Nepal border area, under Bharatmala project, is in progress as per the target and is slated to be completed within the definite time period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National register on transport

1698. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current status of National Register on Transport Portal;

(b) the revenue collected by Government by providing access to Vahan and Sarathi database;

(c) the details of the number of Government and private entities with access to the Vahan and Sarathi database;

(d) whether Government has intended to sell Vahan and Sarathi database in bulk, if so, the estimated revenue for such a sale; and

(e) whether Government linked Vahan and Sarathi with stolen vehicles data from National Crime Records Bureau?

Recently approved highway projects

1699. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently approved highway projects worth rupees seven lakh crores;

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

(c) the extent to which job opportunities will increase following implementation of the highway projects?

Proposal for NHs in Telangana

1700. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Telangana has proposed to convert Hyderabad-Bijapur road, Moinabad-Chevalla-Manneguda-Kodangal to Karnataka border to be taken up as a National Highway;

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

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

National Highways in M.P.

†1701. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposal sent by the Public Works Department of Madhya Pradesh Government under National Highways sector for approval; and

(b) the details of the expected action to be taken on the proposal?

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**Conversion of State Highways to
NHs in M.P.**

†1702. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such State highways in Madhya Pradesh which are proposed to be converted to National Highways along with the details of approval as well as targets set for route-wise construction of such highways and the steps taken in this regard; and

(b) the status of proposal pending for approval with regard to acquisition of land for construction of NH-75E from Sidhi-Singrauli and NH-12A from Bareilly to Mandala and Bhopal-Indore Expressway?

**Completion of the pending
infrastructural projects
undertaken by IL&FS**

1703. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any considerations regarding the resolution and completion of the pending infrastructural projects undertaken by crisis-hit Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS);

(b) if so, the measures considered to ensure the completion of the pending projects;

(c) if so, by which year the pending projects are expected to be completed; and

(d) if so, the details of the pending projects undertaken by IL&FS, State-wise?

Highways in Punjab

1704. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of National and State Highways in Punjab;

(b) number of State roads that have been declared as new National Highways in State of Punjab during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Ministry has provided funds for development of above new National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Data regarding National Highways
construction**

1705. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constructed a record number of Highways since 2014;

(b) data of road constructed prior to 2014; and

(c) whether all the National Highways constructed prior to 2014 and afterwards have the same quality and passengers facilities, if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of new NHs in
Rajasthan**

†1706. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given approval to the new projects for the construction of new National Highways in the State of Rajasthan;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the proposed projects to be started in Rajasthan?

Implementation of TOT model

1707. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to offer smaller bundles of road projects under the Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) model as a part of its asset monetisation plan in a bid to attract smaller investors as well as to generate more self-employment avenues in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will commence?

Traffic jams on toll plazas

†1708. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of long traffic jams on toll plazas situated on National Highways;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts made by Government to get rid of these traffic jams on toll plazas; and

(c) whether Government is considering to free private cars from toll tax, if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of road from Dausa to Kothun in Rajasthan

†1709. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received a demand regarding execution

of additional work in the village Nangal Rajawatan on the under construction road from Dausa to Kothun *via* Lalsot in the district Dausa of Rajasthan being constructed by NHAI, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) reasons for not agreeing to the said demand, which is in public interest so far, with reference to the letter No. 2249 dated 17.08.2018 and letter No. 3866 dated 12.12.2018 of General Manager, Directorate of Projects, NHAI (G-5 and 6 sector 10) Dwarka and the details of the letter therein?

Illegal encroachment along National Highways

1710. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are large scale illegal encroachments along the National Highways;

(b) whether Government has any plan to evolve an effective mechanism to do immediate monitoring of encroachments along the National Highways and take immediate steps for their removal; and

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

Complaints of irregularities in NHAI

1711. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received regarding irregularities/ corruption by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officers, State-wise during 2018 and 2019, so far;

(b) the details of action taken against

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the officers of NHAI on verified complaints, State-wise;

(c) the details of the officers of NHAI in eastern UP against whom complaints have been received for irregularities and massive corruption in 2019 along with action taken thereon; and

(d) the details of action Government would take to stop corruption and connivance of officials of NHAI and contractors?

Monitoring of Toll Tax

1712. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to constitute a Committee for proper monitoring of Toll Tax being collected at National Highways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to mobilise funds by giving National Highways projects to the private companies; and

(c) if so, the State-wise and project-wise details thereof along with the norms fixed for selection of these projects?

ISI mark helmets for two wheelers

1713. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has issued orders that only ISI mark helmets should be used for two wheelers;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Ministry that majority of two wheeler riders use only non-ISI mark helmets in the country which is one of the causes of death;

(c) the action Ministry has taken/going

to take on manufacturers who are manufacturing non-ISI helmets;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with helmet manufacturers' association in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Proposals for construction of roads/ highways in Punjab

1714. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any projects for construction of roads/ highways in Punjab particularly in Amritsar since May, 2014;

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

(c) details of the proposed schemes to be introduced in Punjab, district-wise?

Scarcity of funds for road projects

1715. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several road projects throughout the country hit a roadblock due to scarcity of funds;

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

(c) whether Government has any specific plan to complete these road projects in a fixed time-frame?

Amritsar-Delhi Expressway

1716. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any

progress on Amritsar-Delhi-Katra Expressway;

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

(c) the current status of the project; and

(d) by when the project is likely to start?

Proposal to extend National Waterway-3

1717. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to extend the National Waterway-3 (NW3) from Kollam to Kovalam and Kozhikode to Bekal in Kerala, is under consideration;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, whether any specific steps has been taken to allocate funds for the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian Shipping Industries

1718. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had permitted foreign ships to carry cargo, which was being carried only by Indian ships earlier;

(b) loss of tax revenue to Government and loss of income for Indian companies and citizens;

(c) whether decision was taken ignoring Rule 4 of Government (Transaction of Business) Rules;

(d) whether the transfer of cargo from Government ports such as Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) to private port viz. Mudra has accelerated;

(e) loss of revenue to JNPT; and

(f) whether similar relaxation was given for cargo movement of agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and fertilizers and if so, how this has benefited Indian farmers?

Development of National Waterway No. 64

1719. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to initiate development/procurement activities for Mahanadi-Luna river National Waterway No. 64 in Odisha during financial year 2018-19;

(b) the projected expenditure for the development of Mahanadi-Luna river National Waterway for the next three years;

(c) whether Government has made any budgetary provision or planned to arrange funds from extra budgetary resources during the financial year 2018-19;

(d) whether Government has any plan to arrange funds from Central Road and Infrastructure fund; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-connectivity of all ports

1720. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to augment the inter-connectivity of all ports located in the State of Tamil Nadu for the swift movement of goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Deep sea port in Bay of Bengal

1721. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a deep sea port in the Bay of Bengal;
- (b) if so, whether Government has made any agreement with Bangladesh Government to set up the port in joint venture;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, proposal of Government, if any, thereto; and
- (d) proposal of Government to connect Chittagong Port with Kolkata and/or Haldia and/or revival of Tajpur project?

Development of Inland Waterways in Andhra Pradesh

1722. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the matter of development of Inland Waterways in the State of Andhra Pradesh, for which a hydrographic survey has been completed to develop waterways corridor from Kakinada to Madras;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of project;
- (c) the funds proposed to be allocated for the project;
- (d) whether any funds have been released so far, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the progress of the work; and
- (f) details of steps being taken by Government for early completion of the project?

Funds released under various schemes

1723. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and released under various schemes, State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the details of funds spent/unspent, State-wise during the last three years;
- (c) whether the funds released are sufficient for completion of various projects under the scheme; and
- (d) if not, reaction of Government thereto?

PYKKA scheme

1724. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several schemes including the 'Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan' (PYKKA) are under implementation, to encourage rural youths to take up indoor/outdoor games and to encourage participation in National/International events and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of rural youths who have been trained in Hockey, Football and Badminton during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of achievement reported under these schemes?

Financial assistance to attract young talent in sports

1725. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to initiate sports culture and open sports academics for the youth and if so, details of the disciplines identified by Government to compete with other nations; and

(b) whether Government plans to give financial assistance to attract young talent in the sports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Youth Corps

1726. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Ministry for selection of National Youth Corps (NYV) during the last three years;

(b) the number of applicants selected for NYV during the last three years; and

(c) the number of selected candidates during the last three years who hail from SC/ST and other backward classes?

Setting up of sports university and centre of sports sciences

1727. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up sports university and centre of sports sciences in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand?

Promotion of youth and sports

1728. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any new initiative for promotion of youth and Sports in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether State Governments have also responded to the endeavour of the Central Government and if so, the details thereof?

Development of sports infrastructure on PPP based model

1729. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to implement Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to develop upgraded sports infrastructure in Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities;

(b) if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for not implementing the PPP model to maximise the utilisation of sports facilities during non-occupancy period and increase the revenue generation?

Restriction to host international sports events in India

1730. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Executive Board (EB) had imposed restriction to host international sports events in India in the past and also recently;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under such circumstances, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) miserably failed to argue its case against present restriction; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

National Sports Universities

†1731. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the number of National Sports Universities that are currently functioning in the country;

(b) the amount spent on those Universities during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the trainees are not getting required facilities in these Universities due to which talented trainees are not achieving their targets; and

(d) the number of trainees who have passed out from these Universities and those who participated in National and International sports events?

Infrastructure facilities and training of sportspersons

1732. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of funds allocated and spent by Government during the last two years and current financial year

for the development of sports infrastructure facilities and training of sportspersons, especially in rural areas of Karnataka, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that there are no infrastructural sports facilities for rural youth;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to encourage sports and development and upgradation of facilities to provide training to sportspersons, State-wise?

Assistance for development of sports infrastructure

1733. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assistance being provided to States by Central Government and Sports Authority of India for construction of sports infrastructure, has been stopped, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government provides funds to State Governments for setting up and running sports academies for different games;

(c) whether several States, particularly Jharkhand and Gujarat, have prepared proposal regarding sports infrastructure and setting up of sports academies and have sent it for approval to Central Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Central Government for approval of such proposals?

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