

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, March 22, 2021/ 1 Chaitra, 1943 (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; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Road Transport and Highways; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions -- 160

License for new mines

2881 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new mines for which licenses have been granted by Government during the last one year;
- (b) the quantum of coal reserve in the country at present; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan for the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in coal mining sector, if so, the details thereof?

Developing infrastructure of coal industries

2882 **Dr. Ameer Ajmal:**

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has provided any specific funds to develop infrastructure for coal industries of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government expects the State Governments to develop infrastructure for coal industries in the absence of central aid and if so, the details thereof?

Auction of mineral blocks

2883 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the mineral blocks proposed for auction by the State Government of Chhattisgarh on the basis of reports of Geological Survey of India and geological reports submitted by Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.;
- (b) the dates on which proposals were received and the details of the action taken so far, as per the proposal;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the proposal has not been processed as required so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the proceedings are likely to be completed as per the proposal?

Import of coking coal

2884 # Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coking coal is imported for the steel industry while it is available at Dhanbad in Jharkhand, but it is not used in steel production due to excess ash content;
- (b) if so, the present capacity of its washing and the production capacity of washed coal in public and private sector, year-wise and the measures being taken to increase it; and
- (c) whether there is adequate capacity to set up coal washeries in the private sector and whether Government will take any initiative to encourage private sector entrepreneurs to set up coal washeries, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in demand of high grade coal for domestic use

2885 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been substantial increase in demand for high grade coal in the country for domestic use;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan to meet the demand of high grade coal for domestic use;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

SHAKTI scheme

2886 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) the main features of the Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India (SHAKTI) and the current status of its implementation in the country;
- (b) the list of States, currently eligible under the SHAKTI scheme;
- (c) whether SHAKTI scheme has been transparent and has helped to address the coal linkage problems of all the stressed power plants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (e) the details of the sanctioned/ongoing projects that are being undertaken by various State Governments and the funds transferred under the said scheme?

Coal production in Maharashtra

2887 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total coal production in Maharashtra for the last five years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the details of the proved, indicated and inferred coal reserves in Maharashtra, district-wise; and
- (c) whether Government is trying to explore or identify new locations of the coal reserves in Maharashtra?

Requirement of coal at Ukai TPS of GSECL

2888 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

Will the Minister of **Coal** be pleased to state:

the total annual requirement of coal at Ukai Thermal Power Station (TPS) of Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited (GSECL) and from where the same is allocated?

Covid cases in the forces

2889 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of COVID-19 cases in Army, Navy and Air Force, service-wise;
- (b) the details of the deceased due to COVID- 19 in all the three services, service-wise;
- (c) whether any special financial aid has been given to the family of those deceased due to COVID-19;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures taken to prevent loss of fishermen lives from cyclones

2890 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Shri Rajeev Satav:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has initiated pre-emptive and proactive measures to prevent loss of fishermen lives and to reduce impact from Cyclone Nivar and Burevi and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of fishermen rescued and missing along with the action taken by Government to find out the missing fishermen;
- (c) the further steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to introduce a better mechanism for permanent disaster management system with the co-ordination of all the concerned departments of Central/State Governments?

New Sainik Schools in partnership with NGOs/private schools/States

2891 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to open new Sainik Schools in partnership with NGOs/private schools/States, etc. in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of new Sainik Schools set up during the last three years along with the details of the number of Schools functioning at present in the country, State-wise?

New Defence Production Policy

2892 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to bring a new Defence Production Policy for self-reliance in defence manufacturing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has released new Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP), 2020 to

provide impetus to growing domestic industry and achieve enhanced self-reliance in defence manufacturing; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

FDI in defence production

2893 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been any Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for defence related production in India; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of the Naval fleet

2894 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present situation of the Naval fleet in terms of its readiness for combat; and
- (b) the steps Government is taking to further modernise the Naval fleet?

Steps taken to safeguard fishermen

2895 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to safeguard Indian fishermen, attacked regularly by Sri Lankan Navy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps for release of Indian boats captured by Sri Lankan Army; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Female employees in defence services

2896 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of female employees in the three defence services at present; and
- (b) the details of efforts made to increase the number of female employees in the three defence services during the last five years?

Proposals for indigenous designing and manufacturing of defence system

2897 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved five proposals for indigenous design and manufacturing of defence system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the defence systems identified for indigenous design and manufacturing; and
- (d) whether Government has started the process of firming up specifications and identification of capable indigenous agencies, if so, the details thereof?

Sports quota in the Armed Forces

2898 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision for sports quota recruitment in the Armed Forces;
- (b) if so, the criteria for such recruitment; and
- (c) the number of such sports quota recruitment which have been made in the Armed Forces in the last three years, the details thereof, post-wise?

New inventions by DRDO

2899 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new inventions made by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in defence equipment and security of the country during the last three years and the time by when benefits thereof would be available to defence personnel;
- (b) whether the State police are getting the benefits of any of new techniques developed by DRDO;
- (c) whether new techniques have been developed in some existing equipment by DRDO to boost security of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Encouraging PSUs to participate in bid for defence projects

2900 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are encouraged to take part in the bid for defence projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of PSUs which have taken part in the bid, in the last three years; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Suicide cases in the Armed Forces

2901 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of incidents of suicides and killing of colleagues in the Armed Forces from 2014 to 2021 till date;
- (b) whether Government has been able to assess the reasons for such incidents; and
- (c) whether Government has a Mental Health Policy for armed personnel to prevent such incidents?

Funds allocated for modernising military equipment

2902 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the percentage of military equipment in terms of old, current and high-tech category respectively;
- (b) whether allocation made in the defence budget is sufficient to modernise military equipment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;

- (d) whether 'Make-in-India' Programme is being used to modernise military equipment; and
- (e) if so, the details and the current status of all defence projects taken up under 'Make-in-India' initiative during the last three years?

Shortage of manpower in the Armed Forces

2903 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of manpower in the Armed Forces at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, service-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies and maintain combat force strength of the three services at the authorised level, to motivate the service personnel to continue in service and to encourage youngsters to join the Armed Forces?

DRDO's Policy on TOT

2904 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major categorisation of technologies under the Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO's) Policy on Transfer of Technology (ToT);
- (b) the details of major technologies listed under these categories; and
- (c) the details of technologies that have been transferred under these categories in the last three years?

Compliance of Biomedical Waste Management Rules

2905 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has advised the Central Pollution Control Board to ensure strict compliance of Biomedical Waste Management Rules; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

SOPs for dust mitigation

2906 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for dust mitigation at construction sites are strictly adhered to; and
- (b) the number of cases of violations, where strict action has been taken against the violators in the last one year?

Steps taken to conserve wildlife

2907 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry would prioritise wildlife conservation, especially in the midst of pressure due to pandemic, in view of large number of incidents relating to human-wildlife conflict;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether land use change that destroys wildlife habitats would be stopped;
- (d) whether the Ministry will keep in mind the conservation of wildlife while giving 'No

Objection Certificates' (NOCs) to projects and development works in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Forest cover in the country

2908 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of forest cover in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of increase/decrease in forest cover during the last three years and 2020-21, State-wise;
- (c) the details of afforestation programmes being run by Government to increase forest cover in the country; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized during 2020-21 till date for afforestation, scheme-wise and State-wise?

Contribution of stubble burning towards Delhi's pollution

2909 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that according to System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR), the farm fire count in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and neighbouring areas increased significantly and stubble burning contributed over forty per cent in Delhi's pollution level; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to reduce or stop the instances of stubble burning in October-November, 2020?

Appeals rejected by NGT

2910 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of appeals against various projects that were rejected by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on various grounds in 2020;
- (b) the number of appeals rejected due to late submission of appeal, including those sent to the Tribunal within ninety days from the Notification of project clearance;
- (c) Government's definition of 'sufficient cause' to extend period of appeal against any project requiring clearance; and
- (d) the number of rejected appeals which did not show 'sufficient cause'?

Management of hazardous waste

2911 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has set any guidelines for management of hazardous waste, if so, whether they are being followed;
- (b) the number of defaulters punished till now for not complying with guidelines;
- (c) the number of hazardous/contaminant sites present in India currently;
- (d) whether the Ministry has the data of hazardous sites for the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the plans of the Ministry to decontaminate the present sites?

Periodic monitoring of pollution

2912 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government or any of its agencies are conducting periodic tests of pollution levels across various States of the country, including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has set up a pollution standard for the cities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to make the cities pollution free in the country?

Lower budgetary allocation for environment

2913 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons that budget has been slashed from Rs. 40 crore in 2020 to Rs. 30 crore in 2021 for the State Action Plans for Climate Change (SAPCC);
- (b) the reasons that entire budgetary allocation of the Ministry has been cut, from Rs. 3100 crore last year to Rs. 2869.93 crore this year; and
- (c) the reasons that budgetary allocation for Green India Mission, which is supposed to be key for India's 3rd Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) pledge for additional carbon dioxide sequestration of 2.5 to 3.0 billion tons during the period 2016-2030, has been cut to Rs. 290 crore, from last year's Rs. 311 crore?

Encroachment of forest land

2914 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of encroachment of forest land by private entities including but not limited to industries, hospitals and educational institutions, State-wise and year-wise since 2014;
- (b) the details of the progress of eviction on the identified encroached forest land along with the cases pending in various courts;
- (c) the details of the grants released by Government to meet the expenditure towards protection of forest land viz. removal of encroachment, fencing of evicted land, etc. year-wise since 2014, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reasons that there is no centralized system of maintaining database of forest land?

Ban on animal sports

2915 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of animal related games banned in the country;
- (b) whether despite a ban on animal sports many States are conducting games, especially involving elephants; and
- (c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Rise in cases of elephant-human conflict in Chhattisgarh

2916 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of **Environment, Forest and Climate Change** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases of elephant-human conflict in Chhattisgarh have increased, if so, the

details of the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether the conflict is causing great loss to life and property of the villagers, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether there is any provision of compensation for loss of life and property in this conflict, if so, the number of people to which compensation was to be paid, to which the compensation has been paid, and the people who are yet to be paid in the above incidents; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to reduce this elephant-human conflict?

Killing of aquatic mammals by boats and fishing vessels

2917 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly ten thousand aquatic mammals like whales and dolphins get snagged by mechanical boats/fishing vessels every year across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has issued any guidelines in this regard to conserve these species;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action plan formulated in this regard?

Disposal of dead animals

2918 Smt. Ambika Soni:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any organized system for disposal of bodies of dead/slaughtered animals/cattle;

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

(c) the estimated number of animals/cattle which died/slaughtered every year across the country; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to set up adequate number of carcass utilization plants across the country where the dead animal could be used to make fallow, nutritional supplements and fertilizers, etc.?

Levels of PM 2.5 in Delhi

2919 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to analysis of air pollution in Delhi, the Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 levels in 2020-21 were worse than the previous years;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that according to various studies conducted, the key pollutants are a combination of chromium-nickel-manganese, copper-cadmium-lead, lead-tin-selenium and chlorine-barium-selenium which are very harmful for human health; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to combat the menace of air pollution in Delhi permanently?

Conservation of Ansupa lake

2920 Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken for conservation of Ansupa lake, one of the largest

- freshwater lakes in the country, situated in Cuttack district;
 (b) the quantum of funds allocated for conservation of Ansupa lake and under what heads;
 and
 (c) the utilization of such funds and the outcome so far?

Draft EIA notification

2921 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to put into effect the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2020 that seeks to replace the 2006 Notification, if so, the details thereof;
 (b) the intended impact thereof; and
 (c) whether Government has also considered its possible adverse effects on the ecosystem, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Collaboration with tribals for forest cover

2922 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there are schemes in place to encourage collaboration with local tribes or groups to improve forest cover;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quantum of e-waste generated

2923 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of e-waste generated along with the rate of increase in the generation of waste in the last three years;
 (b) the details of schemes being implemented for the recycling of e-waste; and
 (c) the measures taken by Government to prevent the generation of e-waste?

Construction near river beds

2924 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ill conceived projects and unchecked construction are going on near river beds in the country and if so, the details of such cases which have come to the notice of Government, State-wise; and
 (b) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor?

Widening of roads in mountain States

2925 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether unprecedented widening of roads in the mountain States is taking place using explosives and blasting of mountains, especially in Uttarakhand, if so, the details thereof; and
 (b) whether the Supreme Court appointed High powered Committee has warned of

irreversible damage, if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

Black rosewood forests in Uttar Pradesh

2926 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*) found in South India, especially in Karnataka, is considered very good for wood carvings and has a huge demand abroad and the black rosewood forests found in the plains of Uttar Pradesh have depleted now;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to develop the black rosewood forests in Uttar Pradesh so that the same can be restored; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Policy to mitigate effects of air pollution

2927 **Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data on the number of people who died in India, State-wise, specifically in the National Capital Region (NCR) due to air pollution since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any scheme or policy for mitigating the effects of air pollution on vulnerable groups including socio-economically disadvantaged groups; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Human habitation in several villages of Kerala, included in the ESZ

2928 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the reports that large areas of human habitation located in several villages of Malappuram and Palakkad districts of Kerala were included in the Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) notified by Government;
- (b) if so, whether the concerns of people living in these areas regarding displacement and source of livelihood is under consideration of Government;
- (c) if so, whether any concrete proposal to alleviate the concerns of the people in these areas is under consideration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Development in sensitive areas

2929 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of forest areas/protected lands/wildlife sanctuaries/national parks/animal reserves that currently have development, mining, infrastructure or other business projects taking place, State/UT/location/project-wise;
- (b) whether every project had an environmental impact assessment done, if so, the details thereof location/project-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reasons Government has allowed such industrial activity to take place in ecologically sensitive zones, and details of the steps taken to ensure preservation and conservation of the biodiversity of these areas?

Air quality during pandemic

2930 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified any new emerging patterns for air quality improvement/deterioration in India, and if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether most cities in India experienced an improvement in air quality during the initial months of lockdown, and if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any efforts to ensure the maintenance of those improvements, and if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether air quality levels have now returned to their previous levels, and lockdown gains have been lost and if so, the details thereof?

Genetically Modified seeds

2931 Shri Prasanna Acharya:

Will the Minister of ***Environment, Forest and Climate Change*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the outcome of the Genetically Modified (GM) seeds so far its impact on production, cost of production, environment and public health is concerned;
- (b) the other items that the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee has recommended for commercial use of GM seeds; and
- (c) whether Government taken any final decision in this regard, if so, by when it will be implemented, if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases of merging PSUs

2932 Shri Anil Desai:

Will the Minister of ***Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has created Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSE's Disputes (AMRCD);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the cases resolved by AMRCD year-wise, Ministry-wise and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)-wise;
- (d) whether Government is aware of the fact that the disputes of merging PSUs are pending and are unresolved; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the details of unsettled dispute of Hindustan Steel and Consultation Ltd (HSCIL) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Kahalgaon?

Government's policy for conversion of diesel/petrol vehicle to electric vehicles

2933 Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw:

Will the Minister of ***Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) Government's policy for encouraging conversion of diesel and petrol vehicles to electrical vehicles;
- (b) the incentives Government will provide if Indian entrepreneurs come up with conversion kits for converting diesel and petrol vehicles to electric vehicles; and
- (c) amendments needed in Rules and Acts for encouraging such conversion projects?

Wastage of industrial resources

2934 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

Will the Minister of **Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a large scale wastage of industrial resources because of lack of skilled and trained labour;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for lack of skilled and trained labour; and
- (c) whether there are any proposal pending with Government in this regard?

Growth registered in industries

2935 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises** be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth registered in various industries such as heavy engineering equipment and machine tools, automobiles, heavy electrical engineering, etc. during each of the last three years and the current year, sector-wise;
- (b) whether Government has achieved the growth target in these fields during the said period;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by Government to encourage these sectors to meet the targets?

Property and assets transferred to Prasar Bharti

2936 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all property and assets of Akashvani and Doordarshan, owned by Government, has been transferred to Prasar Bharti as per section 16 of the Prasar Bharti Act;
- (b) if not, the reasons for the delay and the estimated time frame for the same;
- (c) whether Prasar Bharti has fully utilised the option to sell, mortgage or lease its vast assets (prime real estate, studios and recording equipment) to generate revenue as recommended by the Sam Pitroda Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including the amount of revenue generated, if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy for news portals of small States

2937 # **Shri Anil Baluni:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering a separate policy to give recognition to the news portal for small States; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Enactment of law to save newspaper industry from tech Giants

2938 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Newspaper industry has asked Google to compensate newspapers for using their content and pass on a certain percentage of advertisements revenue earned on these content to publisher;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Australia has passed a law making Facebook, and Google pay local publishers for news content they generate and which is used by technology Giant to earn revenue; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider to enact a law on the lines of Australian law to protect news industry in India?

Revision in guidelines for DTH

2939 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently approved revision in guidelines for providing Direct to Home (DTH) services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DTH industry and cable TV are at a parity with respect to license fee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Suspension of social media accounts

2940 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of facebook, instagram and twitter accounts, the Ministry has requested to suspend during the last three years and the reasons for suspension of the same;

(b) the number of such requests acceded to by the tech companies and how many were not;

(c) the procedure followed by Government to suspend a social media account;

(d) whether any procedure exists by which a social media user can appeal against suspension of their account; and

(f) whether any legal action has been taken against tech companies for refusing to suspend social media accounts, if so, the details thereof?

Amount spent for advertising for print media

2941 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government on running advertising campaigns for its programmes on TV over the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent on advertising over print media and newspapers over the same period, year-wise;

(c) the amount spent in advertising over social media, year-wise;

(d) whether Government has any plan to further increase its advertising spending over the next few years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Violation of laws on rape by media

2942 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether some media organisation/houses violated the laws related to rape cases by disclosing the identity of rape victims/survivors recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of action taken against the media organisations/houses or

reporters/journalists who have violated the said laws;

(c) whether Government is considering on putting restriction on such reporters/journalists and media organisations/houses for violating the laws related to rape cases; and

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

Doordarshan channel for Indian children

2943 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Doordarshan channel or a radio channel for the mental development and knowledge enhancement of Indian children is proposed to be opened on which exclusive programmes will be telecasted, keeping in view the mental and educational development of children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Switching to digital advertisements/marketing

2944 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of expenditure incurred per year from 2015 to the present date for paper-based advertisements on Government activities, programmes and all other events;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any steps to measure the environmental costs from such advertising activities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plans to completely shift to digital advertisements alone and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the costs estimates for undertaking all such advertisements in the digital format?

Fake news

2945 **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take steps to tackle fake news and information in COVID-19 outbreak;

(b) if so, the list of people/media houses who indulged in these practices; and

(c) whether Government has instituted any cell that ensures no fake news is reported?

Internet ban imposed in India

2946 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of internet ban imposed in the country during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons of each of such bans; and

(c) whether the public is informed about the ban in advance?

Agreement between technology giants

2947 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention had been drawn towards any deal/agreement between the Australian Government and technology giants like Google, Facebook and Twitter;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's observation over the deal;

- (c) whether Government is mulling to enter into any pact with technology giants for the benefit of struggling media sector of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and by when it would be done?

Fake news and propaganda

2948 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a mechanism to control the spread of fake news and propaganda via internet, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether news channels are under Government's purview for sensationalisation of news or misguided reporting, if so, the details thereof?

Government advertisements policy adopted by DAVP

2949 Shri Rajeev Satav:

Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

- (a) the major details of policy/criteria being adopted by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) regarding Government advertisements, publications and other publicity material during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether DAVP has reviewed or proposes to review the media/publicity strategy of Government and its Departments particularly in the light of the technological advancements and the latest trends in the media;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to conduct an independent study to gauge the impact of Government advertisements on people and if so, the details thereof?

Contamination of ground water due to Arsenic and Fluoride

2950 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study regarding presence of toxic substances like Arsenic and Fluoride in ground water and their adverse effects on human health particularly in Rajasthan and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, details thereof alongwith steps taken for maintaining good quality of ground water, State-wise; and
- (c) steps Central Ground Water Board has taken for exploration of contamination free ground water sources in tackling problems of ground water quality as prolonged use of Arsenic contaminated water for drinking causes diseases like dermatosis, keratosis, conjunctivitis, bronchitis, gastro-enteritis in initial stage and then peripheral neuropathies, hepatopathy, melanosis, de-pigmentation and hyper-keratosis?

Jal Shakti Abhiyan-II

2951 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is going to launch Jal Shakti Abhiyan-II in the near future;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the programme and by when it would be launched; and
- (c) the details of efforts made to fulfil the target to provide tapped drinking water to every household by 2024?

Allocation of funds for AMRIT

2952 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for installation of Arsenic and Metal Removal by Indian Technology (AMRIT) plants in Arsenic affected areas during 2019-20 and 2020-21, State-wise;
- (b) the details of AMRIT plants installed and operational in Arsenic affected areas in the country as on date, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of other measures Government has taken to tackle the problem of Arsenic in drinking water?

Transfer of water from State List to Union List

2953 **Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any recommendations regarding transfer of the subject of water from State list to Union List and creating a single administrative machinery for water has been received from the Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto; and
- (c) the time by which the said change is likely to be implemented?

Shifting of office of Krishna River Management Board

2954 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposals on shifting the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) office to Visakhapatnam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the feelings of the people of Rayalaseema region have been taken into account before taking such decision; and
- (d) whether the office of KRMB should be situated in Srisaillam which is in Rayalaseema region since Krishna river flows through Srisaillam and the steps being taken by Government to do justice?

Water Sharing disputes between AP and Telangana

2955 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the frequent Krishna-Godavari water sharing disputes between Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details of disputes identified; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to resolve the issues permanently?

'Buldhana Pattern' for water conservation

2956 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate a National Policy on Water Conservation based on 'Buldhana Pattern';
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;

- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to have a water grid in each of the States for transfer of excess water diversion into water deficient regions, if so, the details thereof; and
 (d) if not, whether Government is planning to do so in the near future?

Cleaning of polluted rivers under NGP

2957 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cleaning of rivers other than Ganga is being undertaken by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (Namami Gange Programme) (NGP), if so, the details thereof;
 (b) whether Government is aware that the holy rivers like Ravi, Satluj and Beas in the country, whose water is provided for irrigation and drinking in Rajasthan through Indira Gandhi Canal, originating from Bhakra Nangal Dam, the biggest water reservoir in the country, are getting polluted by the effluents of various industries in Punjab; and
 (c) if so, whether any action is being taken in this regard to control pollution?

Iron and PVC materials in 'Har Ghar Jal' Mission

2958 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any criteria or guidelines have been put in place by Government for using iron and PVC materials in 'Har Ghar Jal' Mission;
 (b) whether the cost per meter of iron and PVC materials has been analysed, if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether any Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has conducted any study regarding the same; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Tap water connections in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

2959 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of households which have been provided with tap water supply in the country since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in August 2019, State/UT-wise;
 (b) the number of households with tap water supply in August 2019 and at present in each State and Union Territory (UT);
 (c) the number of households with tap water connections in different districts of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh at present and in August 2019; and
 (d) whether districts in Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh are expected to have 100 per cent households tap water coverage by 2024, and in what manner?

Pollution of rivers

2960 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) names of all inter-state rivers with more than 50 per cent surface water declared as unfit for consumption;
 (b) the average amount of waste water entering in each of these rivers per day;
 (c) the number of projects related to cleaning of any inter-state river sanctioned during the last three years and how many of them have been completed;

- (d) steps taken by the Ministry to clean these inter-state rivers and improvement thereof; and
- (e) the number of individuals/companies that have been penalised for polluting inter-state rivers during the last three years?

Revival of existing canals and irrigation channels

2961 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any survey to assess the condition of the existing network of canals and irrigation channels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to revive the network to minimize the dependence on groundwater; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Linking of Godavari and Cauvery rivers

2962 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some States have requested to declare the linking of rivers in the country including Godavari and Cauvery, a National Project for the benefit of lakhs of people in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and also made a strong case for rejuvenating Cauvery river, and its tributaries on the lines of 'Namami Gange Programme' conservation mission and to accord sanction and extend financial assistance to States to take projects further to expedite the same in the country; and
- (b) if so, action taken so far and if not, the reasons therefor?

Soil dredging in Brahmaputra river

2963 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Brahmaputra river has the highest sediment yield per square kilometers in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps for dredging in Brahmaputra river to reduce flooding by allowing more water to fill in the river; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Tap water connection under JJM

2964 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of households in India which lack access to clean drinking water;
- (b) the total number of households which have been provided with tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) so far; and
- (c) the details of the number of households having access to water under the JJM and the number of households yet to get access to it, State-wise?

Boron and Arsenic in ground water

2965 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the parts of the country where the Boron element and Arsenic content is high in ground water, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of areas which have been included under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to make ground water potable and to provide pure drinking water and the details of target set for the same;
- (c) the funds released under the said scheme from the year 2019 till now, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of areas which have been covered?

Cleaning of river Yamuna

2966 # **Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for cleaning the polluted Yamuna river flowing along Taj Mahal;
- (b) if so, by when the polluted water of river Yamuna would be made clean; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to prevent the foul odor arising from the water of river Yamuna?

Water scarcity

2967 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is facing water scarcity due to neglect of storage of water resources and conservation in several region of the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has any proposal in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof particularly Tamil Nadu State in this regard, State-wise?

Per capita availability of water

2968 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has commissioned a study of the water scarcity crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the per capita availability of water in the country over past five years; and
- (e) the details of per capita water availability of water for said period, State-wise?

Participatory Ground Water Management

2969 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up any specific expert/inter-ministerial Committee/research study/policy/plan/strategy for studying, evaluating and preparing a

- policy/plan for participatory ground water management;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ground water over-exploitation

2970 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the annual ground water extraction for India exceeds the natural recharge;
 (b) if so, information of States whose extraction exceeds natural recharge;
 (c) the funds released to States by Government to recharge ground water through various mechanisms over the last five years; and
 (d) the number of rainwater harvesting structures created under the Watershed Development Component of Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojna since 2016?

Piped water connection in Rajasthan

2971 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the target numbers to be provided with piped water connection in Rajasthan;
 (b) by when the target is going to be achieved; and
 (c) the achievement so far?

Source of piped water connection

2972 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the source of water for providing piped water connection to the whole country;
 (b) the fund allocation for developing the sources; and
 (c) whether the water sources would be perennial, with water available throughout the year?

Safe drinking water to everyone

2973 # Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that safe drinking water is provided to everyone in places where arsenic contaminated water is available and also water borne diseases would not spread among citizens;
 (b) the number of districts where these problems are prevalent and the districts/places which have been identified by Government for the same, State/Union Territory-wise; and
 (c) the reasons for the presence of arsenic in water and the details of the present status of decisions taken by Government earlier to deal with this problem?

National Irrigation Projects

2974 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Projects announced for irrigation by Government in the country during the last five years;
 (b) the quantum of funds released so far in the National Projects, State-wise; and

(c) the list of pending projects from various States seeking National Project status?

Budgetary allocation for high risk of drought districts

2975 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any mapping has been done in order to identify districts that are at high risk of drought in summer 2021, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures taken to prevent and/or provide for such districts in the event of droughts;
- (c) whether any budgetary allocation has been made specifically for this; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Irrigation Census

2976 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the field work for sixth Minor Irrigation (MI) Census and First Census of water bodies by States/UTs have been completed and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the data processing of activities by States/UTs for sixth MI Census and first Census of water bodies have been completed and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether there has been a noticeable growth of areas covered by Minor Irrigation schemes between the sixth MI Census and fifth MI Census reports and if so, the details thereof?

Measures for drought prone areas

2977 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major drought-prone districts in the country;
- (b) the ratio of drought-prone areas vis-à-vis areas with good rainfall, along with details, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to stop the flood water from flowing into sea and channelize the same to drought-prone areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there are any models for emulation in the country where water is channelized through canal and pipeline network to drought prone areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of PMKSY

2978 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to extend the arable land area under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of districts in Bihar where work is being undertaken under PMKSY?

Scheme for cleaning up of rivers, ponds and drains

2979 # Shri Narhari Amin:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any integrated scheme for cleaning up the rivers, ponds and drains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up micro enterprises under PMEGP

2980 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of micro enterprises set up under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) during the last three years; and
- (b) the number of employment opportunities created under the scheme so far, State-wise, the details thereof?

Renovation of Khadi Village outlets

2981 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Shri Rajeev Satav:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has carried out renovation work at Khadi Village outlets at various locations under Khadi Reform and Development Programme and if so, the details of the outlets renovated, alongwith the amount spent on such renovation, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether renovated sales outlets has helped in increasing the sale of Khadi products;
- (c) if so, whether KVIC will consider renovating other Khadi Village outlets; and
- (d) whether Government had identified some Khadi Bhawans/outlets in the country as loss making units and if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps contemplated/taken in this regard?

Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme

2982 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Credit Linked Capital Subsidy (CLCS) Scheme;
- (b) in what manner the scheme has become successful for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector;
- (c) whether it is a fact that allocation for CLCS has come down from ₹ 1,000 crores in Budget Estimates (BE) 2020-21 to just ₹ 200 in BE 2021-22;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the allocation is less than actuals of 2017-18; and
- (e) if so, in what manner the Ministry is planning to manage the scheme with depleted allocation?

Public Procurement Policy for MSEs

2983 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2018 setting 25 per cent target for MSEs in Government/CPSUs has been properly implemented;
- (b) the share of procurement from MSEs by different Government/Ministries/Departments and Central PSUs;
- (c) the share of procurement from SC/ST and women-owned enterprises vis-a-vis sub-

target norm;

- (d) the reasons for shortfall in achieving sub-targets for SC/ST, women-owned enterprises;
- (e) whether Government is aware that some large corporates are setting up wholly owned MSEs subsidiaries to grab public procurement tenders; and
- (f) if so, whether Government will allow such large corporates' promoted subsidiaries from bidding?

Self employment of youth in Chhattisgarh

2984 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of youth from Chhattisgarh who have applied for loans to setup self-employment under various schemes run by the Central Government during the period 2019-20 to current year along with the number of youth who have been given loans by banks after approval of their loan application; and
- (b) the number of youth in Chhattisgarh whose application to set up employment and industry have been approved and the details of applications pending with the banks, district-wise?

AtmaNirbhar Bharat Scheme for MSMEs

2985 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund allocated under the schemes launched as part of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) stimulus package; and
- (b) the amount of the above mentioned stimulus package that has been utilised and the total number of beneficiaries?

Encouragement to toy industry

2986 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has chalked out any national action plan to encourage indigenous toy industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has made a separate provision of funds in the budget for the expansion of indigenous toy industry, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to provide training to the unemployed youth to attract them towards indigenous toy industry, if so, the details thereof?

Potential of MSMEs in employment generation

2987 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have potential in the sectors such as defence, infrastructure, manufacturing, power, petroleum, coal, mining, ports, airports, and many more, which will help to create better Government assets and for better utilisation of the same, to generate employment opportunities in various sectors through setting and connecting economic corridors/ industrial corridors/NHs; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and progress made and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance to MSMEs

2988 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any financial assistance has been provided to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from 2014 to 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Census of MSMEs

2989 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that all India Census of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) was gathered at periodic intervals;
- (b) if so, when the latest census was conducted;
- (c) whether Government has proposed to encourage the MSEs in the country to produce local for vocal and keeping the demand for the people of the country; and
- (d) if so, steps taken by Government in this regard to make the produce of MSEs at AtmaNirbhar Bharat?

Review of projects under MSMEs in Karnataka

2990 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to review ongoing/pending projects under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country particularly, in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of such projects sanctioned and pending in the sector as on date;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the various projects are pending due to non-sanction of bank loans in Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to review such projects with Karnataka and the concerned banks?

Implementation of PMEGP

2991 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) to generate self-employment opportunities in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of physical targets set and achieved during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) whether there are any plans to increase margin money subsidy;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any impact of the scheme due to COVID-19; and
- (f) the efforts being made by Government to improve the scheme?

Contribution of MSMEs in GDP

2992 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units in the country, State-wise;
- (b) details of contribution of MSMEs to country's GDP during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that contribution of MSMEs to country's GDP is coming down and now stands at just 30 per cent as per Central Statistics Organisation;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and how the Ministry is planning to push it further; and
- (e) to what extent revision in the definition will help take this figure to 40 per cent in the coming four to five years?

Domestic production of minerals

2993 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Mines** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to increase the production of domestic minerals in the country, if so, the details of identified mineral blocks, particularly in the State of Rajasthan, district-wise;
- (b) whether the new mineral resources have been found in Jodhpur and Ajmer division of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to adopt a friendly investment approach to exploit the new mineral resources, if so, the details of the action plan?

Law for auction of mineral blocks

2994 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Mines** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any existing law or any law has been proposed wherein the Central Government can auction mineral blocks that belong exclusively to the States; and
- (b) if so, the grounds on which the Central Government can take control of the State's mineral block auction process?

District Mineral Foundation

2995 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

Will the Minister of **Mines** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of projects under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF); and
- (b) the details of the project alongwith DMF fund allocation, State-wise?

Education of minorities

2996 # **Shri Ahmad Ashfaq Karim:**

Will the Minister of **Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether minority population is extremely backward in the field of education;
- (b) whether there is any plan to educate minorities as compared to other communities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Empowerment of women belonging to the minority communities

2997 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to empower women belonging to the minority communities;
- (b) whether Government has commissioned any study to understand the socio-economic condition and the problems being faced by women belonging to minority communities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Applications received for minority scholarships

2998 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of **Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of applications received for the minority scholarships and the total number of minority scholarships granted during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether there has been a decline in the disbursal of minority scholarships during the last five years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

PM's 15 Point Programme for minorities

2999 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of **Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the action taken by Government for the welfare of minorities under Prime Minister's new 15 Point Programme in various States including Kerala and Rajasthan; and
- (b) the details of the proposed plans and schemes implemented, so far?

Post-metric scholarships

3000 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

Will the Minister of **Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of post metric (higher education) minority scholarships given in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, State-wise;
- (b) their proportional distribution among Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis;
- (c) whether Government will fix the quota for scholarships for smaller minority communities to safeguard them from larger minority communities; and
- (d) the fund allocated for post metric (higher education) scholarships?

Seaplane service under Sagarmala project

3001 Shri P. Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to operate seaplane under Sagarmala project;
- (b) if so, the details and the status thereof alongwith the time frame set and the amount of budgetary allocation made by Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of the places across the country including Rajasthan identified in the first phase for operation of seaplanes, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of revenue estimated to be generated under this project?

Privately operated ports

3002 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ports in India that are privately owned and operated, or with private ownership exceeding 40 per cent;
- (b) the total volume of freight passing through such ports, including minor and major ports fulfilling the above parameters;
- (c) whether volume of freight passing through minor ports in the country has increased at a greater rate than in major ports of India between 2010 and March 1, 2021; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Minimum distance between two ports

3003 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared any specific proposal/ policy/ plan/ strategy/ scheme/ legislation to specify a minimum distance between two ports keeping in mind its commercial and financial viability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes-Ports

3004 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the features of the Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes - Ports (SAROD-Ports) launched recently to advise and assist in settlement of disputes through arbitrations in the Maritime sector;
- (b) the progress made under the same;
- (c) the intended impact of the same;
- (d) the details of other measures being taken to promote ease of doing business in the Maritime sector; and
- (e) the details of the proposed measures in this regard?

Study on impact of Sagarmala project on coastal livelihoods

3005 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up any specific Expert Committee/research study/policy/plan/strategy for studying and evaluating the consequential loss of coastal livelihoods and unemployment to fishermen and other related communities due to the Sagarmala Project;
- (b) if so, the details including the recommendations of such Expert Committee/research study/plan, etc; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Resumption of cargo traffic at pre-COVID-19 levels

3006 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cargo traffic handled at major ports in the country;
- (b) whether the cargo traffic has resumed at the same level, as was during the pre-COVID-19 time;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure an increased traffic for specific sectors such as petrol, oil, Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants (POL) containers and coal, in the near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of new and small ports and inland waterways

3007 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of ***Ports, Shipping and Waterways*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop any new and small ports and inland waterways for commercial shipping transportation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the investments to be made in the development of such ports and waterways;
- (c) measures taken by Government to develop inland waterways with specific reference to Karnataka;
- (d) whether there has been an increase in traffic at non-major ports in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether some ports are handling cargo above their capacities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) further measures taken/ to be taken to ease traffic?

Privatisation of ports

3008 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Ports, Shipping and Waterways*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of all ports that have been partially or fully privatised since 2010 till now alongwith location;
- (b) the date of handover of aforementioned ports; and
- (c) the names of biggest stakeholder parties in each port?

Maintenance of NHs

3009 Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of ***Road Transport and Highways*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated for maintenance of National Highways (NHs) during the current fiscal year;
- (b) the amount allocated and proposed to be spent on maintenance of NHs in Rajasthan;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism in place to decide the inter-se priority of NHs to be taken up for major repairs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is some mechanism in place to assess the state of NHs from the viewpoint of need for major repairs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Export of automobile products

3010 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action was taken by Government to facilitate the auto Industries to cut imports and raise the exports of the automobile related products;
- (b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Launch of CNG tractor

3011 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) tractor for the farmers, if so, the details thereof and official date, if any, fixed for conversion of diesel tractor into CNG tractor;
- (b) whether Government is planning to give any rebate to farmers for the conversion of tractor into CNG tractor to promote the scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to extend the expiry date for those old tractors that will be converted into CNG, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has rolled out any special plan for hassle free availability of CNG?

Char Dham Highway project

3012 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recent construction activities including construction and widening of roads for the Char Dham project contributed to the Uttarakhand floods disaster in February 2, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the identified causes for the disaster;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the views of the Supreme Court appointed High Powered Committee which has stated that there is a link between Char Dham construction and the floods; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

All-weather roads in flood affected and wetland areas

3013 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to construct all-weather roads in flood affected and wetland areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the locations identified for construction of such roads in the country?

Four lane bridge over river Ganga in Bhagalpur, Bihar

3014 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has sanctioned four lane bridge over river Ganga at Bhagalpur in Bihar at a cost of ₹1700 crore in 2019;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Bihar has acquired and made available 52

acres of private land for this bridge; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress of the scheme and by when the construction work will begin?

Scheme for restoration of rural roads

3015 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes in place for restoration of roads in rural population dominated areas in order to bring down the road accidents;

(b) whether Government is deliberating upon the fact that more than half of the roads in rural areas are kutchha roads and bridges and culverts have become old and narrow; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Vehicle Scrapping Policy

3016 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized Vehicle Scrapping Policy for twenty year old private vehicles and fifteen year old commercial vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this policy is also applicable to vehicles plying in Delhi and if not, reasons for such discrimination; and

(d) whether Government would ensure that new policy is equally applied to the vehicles in Delhi and stringent rules as laid down by the Apex Court does not come in the process of new policy?

Compulsory FASTag on NHs

3017 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles FASTagged so far, the figures of average daily toll collection through FASTag;

(b) the reasons why Government has chosen to declare all lanes in National Highway (NH) toll plazas as FASTag lanes, thereby, making the tag mandatory;

(c) whether Government believes one-time, occasional, and rare users of NHs should have to bear double toll for non-registration with FASTag; and

(d) whether Government is considering a toll structure based on NHs usage by a particular vehicle/commuter?

Increasing number of road accidents

3018 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents is increasing in the country, except during the lockdown period, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has analysed the reasons for increase in the number of accidents, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether compensation is paid to the victims in the last five years and the number of cases pending, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken to expedite payment of compensation to the victims in case of death

and grievously injured; and

(g) the efforts made to create effective public awareness about road safety?

Exemption of toll at Kollam Bypass

3019 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given permission to collect toll on the newly built Kollam bypass in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether State Government of Kerala has sought an exemption in any such collection of toll at Kollam bypass;

(d) whether Government is ready to give an exemption of collecting toll in Kollam bypass; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects proposed to be executed by NHAI

3020 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various projects proposed to be executed by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) during the next five years;

(b) the length of new National Highways (NHs) in kilometers constructed during the last five years; and

(c) whether there is any financial crunch for the development of NHs, if so, the details thereof?

Poor condition of highways in Assam

3021 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is aware of the dilapidated condition of four lane highways from Lumding to Silchar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by the Ministry for reconditioning of dilapidated roads; and

(d) whether any soil test was conducted before starting the above-mentioned road?

Economic corridors under Bharatmala Phase-1 project

3022 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified 9000 kms to be developed as economic corridors in the country under Bharatmala Phase-1 project;

(b) if so, the details of economic corridors that have been identified including in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loss suffered by NHAI in toll collections

3023 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total loss of revenue suffered by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in toll collections in the various States due to the farmers' protest, State-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Provision of penalty from concessionaire for not completing work

3024 # **Shri Neeraj Dangri:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision to recover penalty from the concessionaire for not completing the construction of Pali to Pindwara NH-62 toll road in the stipulated time;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement between National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the concessionaire;
- (c) by when the work shown in the 'Punch List' will be completed; and
- (d) the provision of penalty per day and maximum penalty for not completing the work of 'Punch List' within the stipulated time?

Completion certificate in construction of NH-62 toll road

3025 # **Shri Neeraj Dangri:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether final completion certificate in the construction of NH-62 toll road from Pali to Pindwara has not been issued so far due to non-completion of work mentioned in 'Punch List';
- (b) if so, the reasons for non-recovery of penalty from 2016 to 2020 despite non-completion of work;
- (c) whether in the investigation report of Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) certain recommendations to reconstruct road from 219 to 220 kilometers after changing its sub-base; and
- (d) if so, the details of the verification of reconstruction works done by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officers?

NHs in Maharashtra

3026 # **Shri Narayan Rane:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of National Highways (NHs) in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether Government is making efforts for expansion of NHs in Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated to Maharashtra during the last five financial years for maintenance of these roads;
- (d) whether all these allocations are in accordance with the prescribed norms by Central Public Works Department (CPWD); and
- (e) if not, the number of complaints received, in this regard?

Implementation of effective enforcement activities on NHs

3027 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that report of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) suggests formation of a National Highways Road Safety Police (NHRSP) for strict enforcement of rules against traffic violations on highways across country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that, if implemented, NHRSP will result in an annual reduction of

12 to 15 per cent in road accidents and fatalities and encourage good driving practices; and

(c) if so, steps taken by Government for implementation of effective enforcement activities on National Highways (NHs), State Highways and other roads, as recommended by report?

NH projects in Jharkhand

3028 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the highways declared as National Highways (NHs) along with name of NHs which are under construction at present in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) the details of development work of NHs taken up in the State of Jharkhand during the last three years;

(c) whether the targets fixed for the said work have been achieved and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated and released for the purpose during the said period?

Policy for renewal coating on NHs in Madhya Pradesh

3029 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has any programme/policy for renewal coating on the National Highways (NHs) in Madhya Pradesh (MP);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the interval at which the renewal coating should be done on NHs in the State;

(c) whether there is any delay in carrying out renewal coating on NHs in MP and if so, by when such coating would be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not carrying out renewal coating on NHs in the State?

Funds for sports academies

3030 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provides funds to various States to set up sports academy in their respective States;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether any proposal of the State of Uttar Pradesh for setting up a sports academy is pending with Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Khelo India scheme

3031 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to extend Khelo India scheme from 2021-22 to 2025-26;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ₹9,000 crore has been proposed for this purpose as per Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) memorandum; and

(d) if so, the justification for allocation of just ₹657 crore in 2021-22 for Khelo India

whereas, the requirement is nearly for ₹2,000 crore?

Merger of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Award

3032 # **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a suggestion has been given by the Ministry to merge Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Award;
- (b) if so, the number of awards which would be merged by this suggestion;
- (c) the reasons for said merger; and
- (d) the details of response received from various Ministries in this regard?

Youth hostels

3033 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of youth hostels currently functioning across the country, State-wise; and
- (b) whether the Ministry proposes to construct more youth hostels this financial year and if so, the details thereof?

Key role of NCC and NSS in empowering youth

3034 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) have been playing key role in empowering the youth, if so, the details thereof, and the initiatives taken by Government to encourage NCC and NSS students in Odisha;
- (b) whether there is any lack of synergy between NCC and NSS in empowering the youth, the steps taken by Government to revamp and strengthen NCC and NSS and the outcome of the meeting convened for this purpose; and
- (d) whether the Ministry along with the Ministry of Education has suggested ways to reform and strengthen NCC and NSS, if so, the details thereof?

'Khelo India' programme in Odisha

3035 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the talented players who have been selected and are being trained in Odisha under 'Khelo India' programme;
- (b) the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) the details of sports infrastructure created and modernized as well as expanded in the country including Odisha under 'Khelo India' programme; and
- (d) the action plan proposed by Government in this regard?

National Sports University in Karnataka

3036 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has planned to set up a National Sports University in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any plan for setting the National Sports University?

Reduction in 'Khelo India's' budget

3037 Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for reduction in budgetary allocation towards Khelo India in this year's budget;
- (b) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of this reduction on the future of the programme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the total number of infrastructure projects approved and completed under the 'Khelo India' programme since its launch, excluding those approved prior to its launch;
- (e) whether reduced spending on expansion of basic infrastructure under the 'Khelo India' programme has affected infrastructural development in sports; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Grants received by NSFs

3038 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Sports Federations (NSFs) are dependent on the grants received from the Ministry which will pay the damages on behalf of NSFs and whether there is any provision that the damages can be recovered from the officials responsible for mismanagement in NSF;
- (b) who pays for the lawyers representing the NSFs;
- (c) whether exchequer money is used to fight these cases; and
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry has given certain allocations to NSFs?

Website to maintain database of sportspersons

3039 # Shri Kailash Soni:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

whether Government proposes to create a website under the aegis of the Ministry wherein a proper registration and records of all present and former players having played at State and International level is maintained, on the basis of which financial assistance to the players, awards for best players, sports scholarship to best players, honorarium funds for international level former player, financial assistance to the international medalist can be provided and the promising students can be given a single platform to promote sports?

Private investment in sports

3040 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of **Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to push private investment in sports;
- (b) whether the Ministry is planning to formulate a policy on Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the field of sports;
- (c) whether Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, as allowed under Companies Act, is sufficient for training and promoting sports in the country; and
- (d) the details of budget allocated for 2021-22 for various schemes and programmes, particularly for Khelo India scheme?

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