

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 22, 2019/Ashadha 31, 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

Increase in production of coal

3174. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) was able to meet the target of increased production to fulfill the demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the efforts made by the Ministry and CIL to increase the production of coal and the outcome thereof?

Coal mines of Namchik-Namphuk in Arunachal Pradesh

3175. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans of assisting the Arunachal Pradesh Government in resuming coal mining on Namchik-Namphuk coalfield, pursuant

to Supreme Court's decision to resume mining;

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

(c) whether Government is formulating any policy to curb illegal mining and reduce risks associated with mining; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Acquisition of railway rakes by CIL

3176. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited will acquire enough railway rakes to transport coal to all thermal power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the shortage of railway rakes for coal transportation has been one of the major reasons behind the supply shortage?

Disputes in coal sector

3177. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) details of disputes in the coal sector and the manner in which Ministry is resolving them;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided not to constitute any independent body to resolve these disputes; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Coal mining on Government land

†3178. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

SHRI P.L. PUNIA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal mining is being done on land owned by Jharkhand Government by Coal India's subsidiary units, such as CCL, ECL and BCCL without paying any revenue, if so, reasons and details thereof including quantum of coal mined and total area of land in acres;

(b) details of amount of tax deposited and amount due under the heads of Salami, land revenue and cess to Jharkhand Government for lease settlement of land by these companies during the last three years, company-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken any action against defaulting companies and responsible officials, if so, the details thereof?

Inadequate storage space for coal at harbours

3179. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported coal is dumped/stored at harbours due to inadequate storage capacity;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of inadequate storage space, the vessels carrying coal are forced to wait for a long time in the sea; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Slow growth in coal sector

3180. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal sector saw growth slowing down to 1.8 per cent from 3.25 per cent in May, 2019 over the same period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the growth slowing further?

Shortage of coal

3181. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal shortage in the country is likely to persist for next two to three years;

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

(c) action proposed by Government to tide over the crisis of coal shortage and meet the growing needs of the power sector?

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Shakti Scheme

‡3182. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Shakti Scheme and the present status of its implementation in the country and details of those eligible under the scheme;
- (b) the list of eligible States under the scheme at present;
- (c) whether State of Maharashtra is eligible under the scheme at present; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Regularisation of casual workers

3183. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any welfare scheme for SC and ST employees working under the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has considered to regularise casual workers working in the Ministry; and
- (d) the number of employees regularised during the last two years?

Fulfilling the demand of coal

‡3184. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the domestic production of coal is not sufficient to fulfil the demand of fuel in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) action plan chalked out by Coal India Limited to fulfil the rising fuel demand in the country; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that Coal India

Limited is acquiring the coal mines in Australia, if so, the details thereof?

Pilferage of coal

3185. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of illegal procurement of coal from coal mines;
- (b) the number of cases that have come to notice;
- (c) if so, action Government has taken against this; and
- (d) whether there is any estimate of amount of coal that is pilferaged from mines?

Withdrawal of orders from Ordnance factories/Defence PSUs

3186. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of items, which used to be manufactured in Ordnance factories/Defence PSUs have been withdrawn by the Centre to favour private sector; and
- (b) if so, the number and the details of such products and the reasons for withdrawing the orders which used to be given to ordnance factories/defence PSUs and giving it to private sector?

Rehabilitation of ex-servicemen

3187. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rehabilitation of ex-servicemen, particularly in Rajasthan and Gujarat during the last three years;

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(b) whether Government proposes to consider recruitment of ex-servicemen in the State Police Forces, particularly of Rajasthan and Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the instructions given to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) the total number of defence personnel retired during the last three years and total number of ex- servicemen rehabilitated in Rajasthan and Gujarat during this period?

Tax on disability pension for military personnel

3188. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the matter of imposition of tax on disability pension for military personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to take up the matter with the Ministry of Finance for waiver of such tax, if so, the details thereof?

Private sector investment in defence production

3189. SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of recent steps taken to increase private sector participation in defence production in order to boost defence sector;

(b) the level of private sector investment in defence production in volume and percentage terms;

(c) steps taken to simplify the procedures to involve private sector so far; and

(d) the details of results achieved so far?

Ensuring self-reliance in defence equipment

†3190. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR
SABLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new steps taken by Government to ensure self-reliance in procuring defence equipment and the details of the defence procurement and production during the last three years;

(b) whether Government proposes to accelerate the pace of executing 'Make in India' policy for manufacturing defence equipment in the country, if so, the roadmap and the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been set for manufacturing indigenous defence equipment in the next three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the roadmap of Government in this regard?

New ordnance factories

3191. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA
RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up new ordnance factories across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has commenced producing new products in the ordnance factories which were earlier imported or produced in foreign countries under its 'Make in India' programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Laying of roads on Indo-Nepal border

3192. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to lay roads on Indo-Nepal border, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) length of roads being laid and length already completed and expenditure incurred thereon?

Controlling air pollution

3193. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has a systematic and scientifically designed implementation procedure to control air pollution in metro cities;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to have such a procedure in future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Most polluted Indian cities

†3194. SHRI R.K.SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World

Health Organization, in its report, has enumerated 22 cities of India, out of 30 most polluted cities of the world, which is a matter of concern; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to bring pollution level of these 22 cities under the controlled standards?

Environmental clearance for Peripheral Ring Road in Bengaluru

3195. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the environmental clearance has been given to the Karnataka Government for the construction of the Peripheral Ring Road in Bengaluru city; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Movement for GM crops

3196. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the spread of a movement for pro GM (genetically modified) crops in Maharashtra in defiance of the ban on planting unapproved Herbicide Tolerant BT cotton seeds;

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers in some other States have also started cultivating GM cotton and Brinjal in defiance of the ban on planting such crops; and

(c) if so, the details and action taken thereon?

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Pollution in major rivers

3197. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/norms of standard level of water pollution for major rivers of the country set by Government;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study to check the water pollution *vis-a-vis* standard level of pollution of such rivers during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details and outcome thereof, State-wise;

(c) the complaints against sugar mills and other operational factories for causing water pollution of such rivers received by Government during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the details of corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Assessment of cleaning campaign of rivers

†3198. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various rivers in the country are getting polluted by the waste being thrown into them;

(b) whether Government has carried out any assessment of untreated contaminated water and industrial waste being thrown in the various rivers of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has assessed the progress of the cleaning campaign of major rivers of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures/plans adopted by Government to control the pollution in the major rivers of the country, including Ganga, and make them pollution free?

Reduction in time taken for environmental clearance

3199. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of granting environmental clearance has become faster as Government has reduced the number of days taken to complete the procedure from 640 to 108;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to further bring down the time taken to grant clearance to a period of two to three months; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Advisory to State Governments on air pollution

3200. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued advisory to State Governments to express the concern about air pollution and action to be taken up for water conservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Schemes for afforestation

3201. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to deal with the negative effect of climate change it is essential to increase the forest cover;

(b) if so, the percentage of land on which afforestation is essential for this purpose;

(c) whether Government has decided to implement various schemes to increase the forest cover; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for implementation of each scheme during the current financial year?

Compensation to human beings for loss by animals

†3202. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any provision to provide compensation for the loss caused to human beings by wild animals; and

(b) if so, the details of the procedure and the amount provided to Madhya Pradesh, district-wise?

Discharge of waste from pharmaceutical manufacturing units

†3203. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

fact that the waste from antibiotics manufacturing units and hospitals can be a reason for resistance to antibiotics;

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to prevent the harmful chemicals of pharmaceutical manufacturing companies and hospitals from discharging into environment;

(c) whether any minimum limit has been fixed for the waste materials discharging from pharmaceutical industries; and

(d) if not, whether Government is planning to lay down such standards?

Decline in number of Great Indian Bustards

3204. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a rapid decline of numbers of Great Indian Bustards due to air turbines and overhead power lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to save the Great Indian Bustards in their natural habitats in various States?

Conservation of grasslands

3205. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any strategy to restrict the exploitation of grasslands for other uses and bring a policy for conservation and management as they are natural habitat for several birds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Third Indo-German Environment Forum

3206. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any agreement with Germany for combating air pollution;

(b) whether Government has taken any initiatives in Third Indo-German Forum regarding climate change adaptation, marine litter and forestry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Validity of environmental clearance

3207. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the validity of environmental clearance for the port projects on major ports;

(b) whether there is a demand to increase this validity; and

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

Adverse Effect on economy due to climate change

†3208. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rapid climate change is adversely affecting the economy of the country, especially the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has analysed the effects of climate change and if so, the details thereof?

Enforcement of regulatory requirements

3209. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by not improving the enforcement of regulatory requirements to safeguard the environment and interest of local communities, has resulted in an increased number of cases related to land conflicts in recent years;

(b) whether there are 665 projects with an area of 24 lakh hectares and an estimated investment of ₹ 13 lakh crore that are affecting 734 lakh people;

(c) whether Government has not undertaken necessary reforms and has not opted for institutional strengthening to improve the environmental clearance process to safeguard the environment and community interests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment on forest land

†3210. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 12 lakh hectares of forest land is under encroachment in the country, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) details of the number of trees that could be planted on the said encroached land every year, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Monitoring of National Clean Air Programme

3211. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there will be a regular monitoring of the implementation of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP);
- (b) the details of budget allocation for various aspects of the programme;
- (c) whether the NCAP will have a new legal framework or whether it will be incorporated into the existing framework; and
- (d) if so, details of how it will be incorporated?

Compliance of environment and forest clearance related norms

3212. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the environment and forest clearance norms are being violated in many States of the country including Goa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken/being taken by Government against the guilty in this regard; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by Government for the strict compliance of environment and forest clearance norms in the country?

National Mission for Green India

3213. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects undertaken

to fulfill the National Mission for Green India;

- (b) the results thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the aims of the National Mission for Green India have been achieved; and
- (d) the details of the projects to be implemented in future?

State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC)

3214. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) details of financial support provided by Central Government to State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC), State-wise;
- (b) details of utilisation of funds;
- (c) status of projects at the State level; and
- (d) detail of future plans for allocation of funds to more States, if any?

Emission of gases by power plants and cement factories

†3215. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the details of quantum of Carbon dioxide and other gases emitted by thermal power plants and cement factories of the country during last three years, year-wise?

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Rise in temperature due to Climate Change

3216. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to curb the rise in temperature;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Inter-Government Panel for Climate Change has drawn the attention of the world towards its report, which insists on the ill-effects of rising temperature due to the emission of green house gases; and

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

Amrit Sagar Conservation Project

†3217. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state details of the action taken for approval of ₹ 26.877 crore Amrit Sagar Conservation and Management Project at Ratlam in M.P. under National Plan for Conservation of aquatic Eco-system (NPCA) forwarded by Madhya Pradesh Government *vide* their letter no. 2540-41 dated 12 September, 2018?

Action under Forest Conservation Act

†3218. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the updated status of the action taken under

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and proposed by Madhya Pradesh Government in regard to the proposal No. 831/07 May, 2016 related to the guidelines on diversion of forest land?

Increasing infant mortality rate

†3219. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the health of newborn children is getting adversely affected due to pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the plan of Government to prevent infant mortality rate, which is increasing due to these effects?

Steps taken towards limiting Global Warming

3220. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the Global Community has set an exalted objective of limiting global warming to well below two Degree Celsius under Paris Agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps regarding this, taking note of the fact that this can be achieved with significant decarbonisation of energy systems over the long run; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken in this direction?

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Setting up of car manufacturing units

3221. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major global auto maker of Japan had claimed from India more than ₹5000 crores in a dispute over incentives from Tamil Nadu Government as a part of 2008 agreement for setting up a car manufacturing unit, before the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Singapore;

(b) whether the Arbitration Court has rejected India's plea that the court does not have the jurisdiction to rule on case brought against India by that company; and

(c) whether India is likely to file an appeal with the Singapore's Supreme Court?

National policy on capital goods

3222. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed a national policy on capital goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding objectives set in the said policy; and

(d) the details regarding achievements of the policy?

Increasing usage of electric vehicles

3223. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to speed up use of electric vehicles in various parts of the country to address the dual

challenges of rising pollution and to reduce dependency on fossil fuels:

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time-limit fixed for the purpose;

(c) whether the existing production capacity of electric vehicles would be able to meet the requirement;

(d) whether automobile industry has demanded incentives, as well, for making infrastructure facilities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

Losses of Delhi based PSUs

3224. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Units (PSUs) based in Delhi are running in losses for the past few years;

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

(c) remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

Promotion of electric public transport in Delhi

3225. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken to promote electric public transport in Delhi to curb down emissions from private vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of the number of electric vehicles likely to be added to Delhi and Rajasthan under FAME-II scheme?

Paid news on electronic/print media

3226. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints about paid news in electronic and print media and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of complaints received about paid news in electronic and print media and those lodged by Press Council of India, by taking self-cognisance thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to frame any law or policy to check paid news and amend the Press Council Act as per the recommendations of the Election Commission of India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Exploitation of children by television channels

3227. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various private Television channels in the country are showing children in dance, talk shows, reality shows which are inappropriate to their age and subjecting them to harassment emotionally, just to raise the Television Rating Point (TRP) of their channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to regularise the TV channels to curb such indecent reality shows; and

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

Restriction of number of channels

3228. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to impose any restriction on permission to Satellite TV channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the manner in which Government will watch content of TV channels and numerous regional channels voluntarily; and

(d) the details of number of TV channels permitted till date, category-wise and language-wise?

Action on complaints regarding cable TV operators

3229. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any complaints that several cable TV operators are continuing to re-transmit channels which are objectionable and potentially harmful to nation's security; and

(b) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken to address this problem?

Setting up of Film and Television Institutes

3230. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up Film and Television Institutes of India in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

TV sets in every household

3231. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India will soon become the largest country in the world, where every household has a television set;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any programme to provide television set to every household like Ujjwala Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Press Information Bureau Units in States

3232. SHRI G. V. L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) number of officers posted in the Press Information Bureau (PIB) units in different States, State-wise;

(b) the duties assigned to the officers posted in State and district units;

(c) whether any assessment has been carried out to assess the work output delivered and performance in different States; and

(d) whether the Ministry consider making all these State PIB units, circulate all the information of PIB headquarters in Delhi, in the concerned regional language/s spoken in the respective States?

Monitoring of TV channels

3233. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a team for monitoring the TV channels across the country;

(b) the functions and role for such team; and

(c) the fee paid to the team for the said purpose?

Media award on occasion of International Yoga Day

†3234. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the media institutes conferred with 'Media Awards' on the occasion of the International Yoga Day for doing an excellent work towards propagation of yoga, from 10th June to 25th June, 2019 through TV channels, Newspapers and Radio channels;

(b) whether the publicity through 'online web portal' and social media has also been included among parameters to finalise the list of awardees;

(c) if so, the details of the awarded web portals and social media; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not including them?

New drinking water projects

†3235. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state whether the Central

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Government proposes to implement new drinking water projects based on Indira Gandhi Canal in the Jhunjhunu district and Narmada canal in the Barmer district of Rajasthan State by means of providing external financial assistance?

Utilisation and allocation of funds under Schemes for safe drinking water

3236. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Schemes being run for provision of safe drinking water in Arsenic and Fluoride affected rural areas, State-wise;

(b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilised, under above Schemes during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, so far, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of the fund allocated released and utilised for the State of Uttar Pradesh, during 2018-19, scheme-wise and district-wise?

Piped drinking water supply to all rural households

3237. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes 'Nal Se Jal' policy on the lines of 'Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal' Scheme in Bihar, to provide piped drinking water supply, on user fee basis to all rural households by 2024;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed policy and number of rural households already covered with piped drinking water supply in the country; and

(c) the time-frame for implementation of the Scheme?

Water crisis in metro cities

3238. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the severity of water crisis in Chennai;

(b) if so, details of efforts made by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) the plans of Government to resolve the impending water crisis in metro cities;

(d) whether Government has conducted any study to find out the groundwater level and water requirement of these major cities in the country; and

(e) if so, the major findings of the study?

Water conservation schemes

3239. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of West Bengal Government's scheme of water conservation 'Jol Dhoro Jol Bhoro' and its huge success;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to take up the idea and implement it in other areas;

(c) if so, time-bound details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Water distribution disputes with neighbouring States

3240. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has sought for upgradation of Punjab's water distribution infrastructure, while calling for fresh river waters tribunal to address the disputes with neighbouring States, in view of dwindling water availability;

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

(c) whether Government would provide special grants to Punjab to strengthen the water distribution infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Har Ghar Nal ka Jal Scheme

3241. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing schemes are present to provide drinking water facilities directly to households, if so, details of all existing schemes to date since 2014, State-wise;

(b) details of Har Ghar Nal ka Jal Scheme, the mechanism that will be set to start it and the manner in which the funds would be released and utilized to set the scheme in motion; and

(c) whether this scheme is different from other existing schemes, if so, the points of distinction and if not, the additional proposed action points?

Interlinking of rivers

†3242. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) date on which Government took the decision to interlink rivers;

(b) the number of rivers which have been interlinked till now and the current status of interlinking of remaining rivers; and

(c) by when the interlinking work of the rivers be completed?

National Water Resources Summit

3243. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Water Resources Summit (NWRS) has been held recently to discuss the matter of protection of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the matter came for discussion and views exchanged therein;

(d) whether Telangana Government has requested the Central Government to consider the "Mission Bhagiradha" project for granting sufficient funds which is making a good progress on this front, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken any decision on the request of the Telangana State Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the stand of Government in this regard?

Status of piped drinking water scheme

3244. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to ensure the reach of piped drinking water scheme to every rural households;

(b) whether the target of covering 35 per cent of rural households with piped drinking water in 2018-19 has been met; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Rain water harvesting in buildings

3245. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rain water being harvested in the country presently;

(b) whether it is possible to make it mandatory for all buildings, including residential areas with an area of 1000 sq. feet and above to have water harvesting system; and

(c) whether to begin with, water harvesting system can be installed in all Government buildings?

Government has been drawn to the reports that several Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) of river water goes in to seas during flood days in the main rivers of the country particularly in Krishna and Godavari rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether riparian States are permitted to construct the projects without any permission from Government or Central Water Commission (CWC) to use this flooding water; and

(d) whether there is any stipulation for maintaining minimum water in course of rivers?

Brahmaputra dressing proposal 2018

3246. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) details of Brahmaputra dressing proposal 2018;

(b) whether the concept paper Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the said project is ready and whether there is any proposal for taking expert technical know how from any agency, if so, name of project monitoring agency, mode of execution, proposed estimated cost of the project and proposed estimated time of completion; and

(c) if concept papers/DPR is not yet ready, the hurdles for not submitting the same and steps taken to expedite it?

New irrigation projects to use flood waters

3247. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of

Surface drinking water projects under NRDWP

†3248. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide its own residual share of funds set apart for the implementation and completion of quality-wise adversely hit 'Surface Drinking Water Projects' in the State of Rajasthan on priority basis under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP); and

(b) if so, the scheme-wise allotment of funds and specified timeline thereof?

Fluoride and salt contaminated in Rajasthan

†3249. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is having the highest number of settlements which are consuming contaminated water

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in the country, if so, the details of the report released by the Ministry concerned; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to deal with the number of settlements facing the problem of water contaminated with Fluoride and excessive salt component in drinking water, the details thereof?

Ground water levels in Maharashtra

3250. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ground Water Survey and Development Agency has conducted any survey in the recent past about the levels of ground water in rural Maharashtra, particularly in Marathwada, Madhya Maharashtra and Vidarbha regions of the State;

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

(c) whether Government has put in place any roadmap to increase the ground water levels in rural Maharashtra?

Over-exploitation of ground water in Karnataka

3251. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the looming water crisis due to the over-exploitation of Karnataka's ground water particularly Bengaluru;

(b) if so, names of critical zones identified in particularly the State of Karnataka, Bengaluru; and

(c) the steps taken by Government and the Central Ground Water Authority to monitor and curtail further exploitation of ground water in the State, particularly in Bengaluru city?

Piped water supply in Gujarat

†3252. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works carried out in the districts of Gujarat, with regard to target set for providing 50 per cent piped potable water in rural areas till 2017;

(b) the number of villages in the districts of Gujarat where piped potable water has been made available till date; and

(c) whether any assessment has been made to ensure that all the people of these districts are getting 40 litres of potable water, if so, the results thereof?

Shortage of water for farming

3253. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any new policy to make water available to the farmers of the country, particularly for the State of Madhya Pradesh, keeping in view the acute shortage of water in many parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country needs to make realignment of cropping patterns to water availability; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Depletion of ground water level

3254. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India will run out of ground water in the next ten years and around 40 per cent of India will not get access to drinking water by 2030; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government

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to increase the ground water level across the country including Jharkhand?

Plan for development of river basins

†3255. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lifelines like rivers of Jharkhand *viz.* Damodar, Swarna-Rekha, Kharkai, Harmu etc. which were previously blessed with a perennial flow have now almost reached the point of extinction;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to develop the basins of a few rivers for inter-State coordination/development; and

(c) if so, whether Government plans to make the said rivers perennial *i.e.* always full of water, under this scheme, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Action plan for ground water conservation

†3256. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new steps proposed to be taken for rain water harvesting by the Ministry, after Prime Minister expressed his concern over 8 per cent of rain water being harvested in our country during the recent 'Mann Ki Baat' programme;

(b) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive action plan for ground water, identifying it as 'Jalamrit' and conservation of reservoirs in order to deal with the current water crisis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action plan for irrigation scheme

†3257. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any action plan for timely completion of irrigation schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the response of Government thereto; and

(d) the details of the pending schemes at present alongwith the duration of pendency in each case, scheme-wise and place-wise?

Open defecation free India

†3258. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on making India clean and open defecation free;

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

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

Increase of ground water level

3259. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make amendments in the existing Legislation to facilitate industries that are located within 100 kilometers from seashore to use water from desalination to save ground water and to conserve water for others;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the other steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase ground water level across the country?

Drying up of natural water resources

‡3260. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that natural water resources of the country are continuously drying up;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the details of steps which Government is going to take to address deepening water crisis in the country?

'Marching Blue' campaign in Rajasthan

3261. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether activists and conservationists have launched 'Marching Blue' campaign in Rajasthan to oppose privatisation of water;
- (b) whether an environmentalist and Magsaysay Award Winner has declared that global policies for privatisation of water resources and supply has led to suffering among people because of lack of accountability; and
- (c) whether drinking water supply in urban areas has almost been privatised with multinational beverage companies and also subsidiaries of railways are selling potable water at high rates?

Construction of water arresting structures of Mahanadi

3262. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State of Chhattisgarh is obtaining clearances/concurrence from Central Government prior to construction of any barrages/anicuts in the inter-State river basin Mahanadi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the State of Chhattisgarh has constructed any water arresting structures across main arm of Mahanadi and its major tributaries such as Seonath, Hasdeo, Ib, Jonk, Arpa, Pairi, Mand, Kelo, etc. after the year 2010; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof mentioning their water use capacity and purpose?

Depletion of ground water levels

3263. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per Central Ground Water Board's report the ground water level in the State has reached at an alarming level;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to rejuvenate the source alongwith rain water harvesting; and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken by Government to tackle the complicated and double edged issue of migration triggered by acute water crisis in the State?

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Depleting ground water level

3264. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water level is depleting very fast in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to take strong action to prevent over exploitation of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Initiatives of MSME

3265. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the measures initiated by Government in strengthening the MSME sector have started gradually yielding positive results in the development of MSMEs in the country which are the backbone of the country's economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the objectives and the achievements made so far?

Creation of employment in MSME

3266. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to boost different sectors, especially the factories of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), in the country, to create more employment;

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

(c) whether any specific time has been fixed to achieve the target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encouragement to new entrepreneurs

3267. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government encourages new entrepreneurs with structural and administrative set up under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, new entrepreneurs registered since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) initiatives of Government for the forest items and food processing industries for North Eastern States under MSMEs projects therein; and

(d) the details of incentives, structural, technological support to industries on manufacture and procurement benefits to handloom, food processing, bamboo, crafts and development of other items of North-East for these purposes?

Identification of MSMEs for employment

3268. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which has the potential to become major industries in future and will in turn provide employment opportunity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any schemes to enhance the production capacity of MSMEs across the country;

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

Strengthening of MSMEs

3269. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had announced some measures to strengthen Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises during the last budget;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) the extent to which these measures have actually proved to be beneficial to the MSME sector; and
 (d) whether these measures have provided employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof?

Re-opening of closed Khadi Gramodyog Centres

3270. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Khadi Gramodyog Centres in the country and out of these the number of such centres which are not functioning in the rural areas during the last three years and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
 (b) the details of action Government has initiated to re-open the closed Khadi Gramodyog Centres and the rehabilitation of those employees, if not, reasons therefor?

Small/medium industries for agricultural produce

†3271. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to set up small and medium industries in rural areas for agricultural produce, if so, the details thereof; and
 (b) whether Government has made any budgetary provisions to set up micro and small industries in rural areas during the said period, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Employment benefit under SFURTI

3272. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has revamped/proposes to revamp the Scheme of Fund for regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) with respect to the khadi industry in the country and if so, the details thereof;
 (b) the details of clusters set up along with the expenditure incurred thereon and the number of persons employed/benefited under the said scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
 (c) the details of the number of persons/artisans in the khadi industry employed under the said scheme, State/UT-wise; and
 (d) the steps being taken by Government for monitoring the effective implementation of the scheme?

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Funds released for schemes

3273. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for various schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds released under various schemes during the said period, State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of funds spent/un-spent under various schemes of the said period, State-wise; and

(d) whether the funds released under various schemes is sufficient to achieve the desired objectives?

Financial assistance for development of MSMEs

3274. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) efforts made by Government to provide financial assistance for development of several Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such units which have been closed/become sick during the last three years and the current year, and the current loan outstanding against the MSME sector given by banks, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government for the revival of closed/sick MSMEs units?

Adoption of new National Mineral Policy

3275. DR. K.V.P. RAMA-CHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved new National Mineral Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has decided to auction the unused reserved areas allotted to PSUs also, if so, the details thereof?

Strategy to tap mineral resources

3276. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the plan and strategy of Government to tap the abundance of various mineral resources in different parts of the country including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for mining and utilisation of these minerals for the economic development of the country;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to set up special units in mineral rich States like Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Odisha for mining of available minerals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revision of rates of royalty for major minerals

3277. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state whether the Ministry will revise the royalty for major minerals, including Iron Ore, as the same was due for revision in September, 2017, as Odisha being a mining rich State, depends heavily on royalty on Iron Ore and also loses

heavily, towards mining revenue due to periodic non-revision of royalty on major minerals, including Iron Ore?

Funding of voluntary organisations

3278. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any details of voluntary organisations and individuals being funded under the scheme of the Ministry in last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) details of action taken and utilisation status of such funds, so far?

"Minority Commissions in States"

3279. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all States in the country have constituted Minority Commissions, if so, the details thereof with the dates on which they were first and last constituted;

(b) details of organisations for redressing grievances of minorities where Minority Commissions are not constituted;

(c) the name of States in the country which have separate Ministry for minority affairs, details when these were instituted;

(d) details of annual budget outlays including contribution of Central Government and details of expenditure incurred by these Ministries since their inception, State-wise; and

(e) the Ministries which handles minority affairs, where State level Minority Commissions do not exist, State-wise details thereof?

Concessional loans under schemes of NMDFC

3280. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) along with details of utilisation of funds for the last three years, particularly in Gujarat and Jharkhand and in the country as a whole;

(b) the details of the schemes of NMDFC, the procedure to avail concessional loans under these schemes and implementation of these schemes in Gujarat and Jharkhand;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the eligible persons are not in a position to avail concessional loans provided under these schemes due to complicated procedures; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by Government?

Withdrawal of Haj subsidy

3281. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has withdrawn the subsidy being given to the Haj pilgrims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to review the Haj subsidy that was withdrawn;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the stand of Government in this regard?

GST on Haj pilgrimage

3282. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on imposing 18 per cent GST on Haj pilgrimage undertaken by Haj pilgrims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any representations seeking withdrawal of GST by associations of Haj pilgrims, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to assist the Haj pilgrims in this regard?

Nursing and B.Ed colleges run by minorities

†3283. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nursing and B.Ed colleges/schools being run by minorities;

(b) the number of male/female students in those colleges/schools; and

(c) the number of students from minority communities in them and the details of their classification?

Scholarships for minorities

3284. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of scholarships and aid granted to minorities under all schemes, State-wise including West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been an increase

in the number of minority students in the premier institutions of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for infrastructure projects

3285. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is facing shortage of long-term funds for several infrastructure projects; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the Ministry plans to address this liquidity crunch?

Status of NH projects in A.P.

3286. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 major National Highway (NH) projects are going to be completed before March, 2019 in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.);

(b) if so, details of each of the project that is going to be completed and status of each project, project-wise; and

(c) the details of the mechanism under which the Ministry has to periodically review the major NH projects and meetings/discussions held with State and other officials in connection with monitoring the above projects?

NHs in Naxalite affected regions

3287. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

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proposal to convert roads into National Highways in various parts of the country, particularly Naxalite affected regions, in order to link them to the mainstream of Indian economy, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the time by which such conversion of roads into NHs is likely to be completed alongwith the progress made in this regard, as on date; and

(c) the other welfare steps taken by Government in this direction?

Accident prone stretches on NHs

3288. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether accident prone stretches have been identified on the National Highways, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether National Highways Ambulance Service has been introduced along with setting up of the Trauma Centres on those stretches for providing emergency medical facilities, including the accountability of toll plaza?

Trauma care centres for road accident victims

3289. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of huge shortage of trauma care centres for road accident victims in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is acute shortage of manpower to handle trauma cases; and

(c) whether the number of road accidents have increased due to faulty maintenance and structure of National Highways during the last three years?

Stringent rules for driving licenses

3290. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with more stringent rules for issuing of driving licenses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the same is being done with a view to curtail the rate of accidents in the country; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the States and Union Territories to have more campaigns on road safety and sign boards on the highways and roads?

NHs in Jammu and Kashmir

3291. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the proposed and constructed National Highway in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of construction quality and monitoring system of maintenance of National Highways?

Proposal for all India driving license

3292. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for all India driving license in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any move to amend the concerned Act, and provide highway

driving license to visibly disabled and other disabled category people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Destruction of medians on NHs

3293. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the destruction of medians in National Highways by locals, especially on Madurai to Kanyakumari Highway;

(b) if so, the steps taken to safeguard medians in National Highways; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against those demolishing National Highways at par with the action taken on trespassing of railway tracks?

Bharat Mala project

3294. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is implementing Bharat Mala project to construct 25,000 Kms. of roads along India's borders, coastal areas, ports, religious and tourist places; and

(b) if so, progress of the project and target fixed for completing the work?

Status of on-going Highways projects in Punjab

3295. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going road projects undertaken by the Ministry in Punjab at present;

(b) the status of each project;

(c) the status of other road projects in Punjab, sanctioned and lying pending; and

(d) by when such projects are likely to be executed?

Status of NESRIP

3296. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of project titled 'ADB' assisted North Eastern State Roads Investment Programme' (NESRIP) for construction of four lane bridge including approaches over river Brahmaputra between Dhubri on North Bank in Assam and Phulbari on South Bank on NH-127 B in Meghalaya; and

(b) the revised cost of project and projected date of completion along with the name of executing agency?

Status of Palariuattom flyover on NH

3297. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a flyover built by the State Government at Palariuattom on the National Highway between Ernakulam and Trivandrum has become disfunctional after three years of completion;

(b) whether Government is aware that massive collusion between the Government agencies and the contractor has taken place; and

(c) whether Government will issue directions for demolition and reconstruction of the above flyover?

NH projects in Sikkim

3298. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highway (NH) projects taken up in the State of Sikkim;

(b) the project-wise details of these National Highways;

(c) since when these projects are under construction;

(d) the amount of time taken to complete these projects; and

(e) the status of NH 10?

Cost of highways connected of NHs

†3299. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of highways in kilometers constructed and connected to National Highways by Government during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount spent on the construction of highways including compensation for land acquisition, etc. the details thereof?

Status of Highway construction

3300. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the total kilometers of highways constructed during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(b) comparison with the target fixed and achievements made;

(c) the new targets fixed by Government for the next three years, State-wise; and

(d) measures taken to resolve the issue of land acquisition, environmental clearance and other procedures which put hurdles in the projects?

Tar-bitumen road

3301. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of tar-bitumen road constructed across the country;

(b) whether the Government is aware that tar contains carcinogenic materials;

(c) whether adequate safety measures are taken for the workers who are involved in the construction of bitumen roads;

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Government for building plastic-bitumen roads to promote eco-friendly infrastructure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Target for completion of highways

†3302. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering for completing the pending highway projects in 100 days only;

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

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

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CCTV cameras on highways

3303. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to setup a separate fund to install CCTV cameras on highways to check errant drivers who should face stricter penalties;

(b) if so, the details thereof including roadmap prepared for execution of this project and the details of expenditure to be incurred for this purpose; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor along with reactions of Government?

Road accidents on National Highways

3304. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents which take place every year on National Highways (NHs) in the country, the details thereof;

(b) whether any compensation has been provided by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

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

(d) the details of measures taken up by the Ministry to control accidents during last three years?

Conversion of State Highways into NHs

3305. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to declare about 39,040 kms. length of State roads as new National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have asked more State roads to be declared as National Highways in addition to the above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposed conversion of Highways as NHs

3306. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has approved in-principle declaration of about 53,031 km. of State roads as new National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the States to cooperate for the acquisition of land for these declared National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Involving NGOs in road safety

3307. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) efforts made by the Ministry over the past three years to promote road safety with the help of NGOs and other independent institutions;

(b) number of NGOs which have received financial assistance from Ministry for administrating Road Safety Advocacy, State-wise details; and

(c) the estimated amount spent by Ministry, as financial assistance to NGOs for promoting road safety and initiatives/programmes undertaken for the same over the past three years?

Vehicle location tracking devices on public service vehicles

3308. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed the State Governments to install vehicle location tracking devices on all public service vehicles;

(b) if so, whether the directive is mandatory or suggestive; and

(c) whether Jammu and Kashmir Government has implemented the directive, if so, the details thereof?

Death of school children in road accidents

3309. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of school children die every year due to accidents during transportation to school and back;

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

(c) whether the Central Government has any plans to formulate any policy to prevent such accidents and deaths to safeguard the school children; and

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

Commercial viability of Tajpur port

3310. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Tajpur port requires 7 km. of sea dyke for commercial viability;

(b) whether Government has taken any step to quicken the process as regards the Tajpur port;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for CEZ Thoothukudi, T.N.

3311. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to modernise Thoothukudi Harbour under Sagarmala project including setting up of Coastal Economic Zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has allocated any funds for this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of Indian ports

3312. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has an extensive 7500 km. of coastline with 12 major ports and just over 200 minor ports, of which 139 are functioning;

(b) whether primarily, the major ports deal with 95 per cent of India's total foreign trade by volume;

(c) whether across the board, these ports are underperforming because of serious infrastructure and connectivity problems;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India is consistently being outperformed by many of its Asian neighbours;

(f) whether India ranks at 35th position

out of 160 countries, so far as shipping industry is concerned; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Traffic handling capacity for ports in Maharashtra

3313. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present traffic handling capacity of Mumbai port and Jawahar Lal Nehru port in Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that traffic handling capacity of these ports can further be increased to handle more traffic; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action Government proposes to take to substantially increase the traffic handling capacity of these two major ports?

Priority for augmentation of port sector

3314. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has accorded top most priority of capacity augmentation of the port sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has identified various parameters for reducing dwell time and transaction costs at the major ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of Indian Maritime Area

†3315. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of maritime area India constitutes of the world;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has not been able to exploit the benefits of its vast maritime area so far, although it can exploit the same in the areas of international trade and maritime transportation; and

(c) the response of Government thereto?

Increase in Indian seafarers at global level

3316. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of seafarers in the country has increased by over 60,000;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to increase employment opportunities for the youth in this sector;

(c) whether Government has taken various policy decisions and initiatives to increase share of Indian seafarers at global level;

(d) whether Government has also lifted the ban on opening of new pre-sea and post-sea institutes and introduced new courses which will increase number of maritime training institutes and Indian seafarers; and

(e) whether the Directorate General of Shipping is working to bring an exhaustive list of services under one digital portal to ensure transparency and efficiency?

Financial assistance for sports promotion to U.P.

3317. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted to various institutions engaged in promotion and development of sports in

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the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of target fixed and achievements made in this regard?

National Sports Development Fund

3318. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sportspersons who have availed benefits under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), during the last three years, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of special training and coaching workshops held during the last three years through the above mentioned fund, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of new projects for setting up of sports infrastructure, undertaken under the above mentioned fund for the promotion of sports during last three years, State-wise details thereof?

Allocation of funds for promotion of sports

†3319. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated/incurred for the upliftment of youth and promotion of sports during the last three years and the Programme-wise as well as State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to ensure transparency in the implementation of National Youth and Sports Policy?

Infrastructure development for 2020 Olympics

3320. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructural changes that have been brought about since 2016 Olympics to facilitate enhanced participation and preparation for 2020 Olympics;

(b) details of the specific steps taken for increasing participation of women athletes; and

(c) the number of athletes that have been benefited from the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), so far?

B.P.Ed course in Arts/Science colleges

3321. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.Ed) course is provided in all arts and science colleges of the country and Government is also funding colleges which provides such courses;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

Policy for promotion of sports among youth

3322. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy or started any programme for the promotion of sports amongst youth in the country;

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(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the achievements made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Guidelines of NPFAI

3323. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism exists, by which the National Playing Fields Association of India (NPFAI) keeps a watch on the progress made by the various States towards the implementation of the guidelines issued by it;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far by each State;

(c) whether NPFAI has a timeline of broader goals, that it seeks to achieve in the short/medium term; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of sports culture

3324. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sporting culture in India has been found to be lacking and if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government has taken major initiatives to revive and develop the sporting culture in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the pool of talent created at the local community, school and university

level needs much improvement in terms of quantity and quality and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to invest with a long term view to develop the sporting culture and sports talent and if so, the details thereof?

New projects in SAI centres

3325. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of budget proposed for Sports Authority of India (SAI) centers during the past three years and the current year, year-wise and center-wise;

(b) the new project initiated in SAI centers during the last three years, year-wise and centre-wise;

(c) details of sanctioned projects and status thereof;

(d) whether any new proposals have been received from various SAI centres during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) if so, details thereof with provision of funds for each of the project?

Sports Academy for children

†3326. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state whether Government has any plan of setting up sports academy for popular sports in States for girls/boys of 9 to 14 years of age to develop their hidden talent and select tribal sportsperson in popular sports of the States by imparting them years long intensive training and take their talent to the highest level?

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Prize money for medal winners

3327. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the prize money that Government extends to medal winners of Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Kabaddi Team which won the World Championship last year has got just ₹ 65,000 per player;

(c) the prize money that Government extends to any team or individual if they/he wins the World Cup; and

(d) the reasons for discrimination towards Kabaddi which is a traditional Indian sport and has now become an international sport?

Promotion of hockey

†3328. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes conducted by Government for promotion of hockey;

(b) details of hockey stadiums in the country, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to establish new hockey stadiums in the coming years, if so, the location-wise details thereof?

National Youth Policy

3329. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) all key areas for action that have been identified in National Youth Policy, 2014;

(b) whether the policy has dealt with these key areas;

(c) the manner in which the policy overcomes the hurdles of physical disability, socio-economic marginalization, and regional variations; and

(d) details of the developments that the policy has catered to, especially in the State of Telangana?

Promoting sports culture in schools

3330. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any scheme for promoting sports culture in schools;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether any State-wise objectives or components under the scheme have been laid down;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) details in respect of scheme components for the State of Rajasthan?

Facilities of SAI in West Bengal

3331. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects implemented to strengthen sports facilities and infrastructure for exploiting the sports and athletics potential of youth in West Bengal during last three years;

(b) the details of facilities by Sports Authority of India (SAI) for sportspersons of hockey, football, athletics and archery, particularly providing coaching facility at

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international level, nutritional supplement and employment to poor boys/girls during the last three years;

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government to SAI in West Bengal during said period, year-wise; and

(d) whether any assessment/audit of said allocation/expenditure has been conducted and if so, details thereof?

Residential sports training programmes

3332. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government conducts residential coaching programmes for all categories of sports for players from age group 10 years and above;

(b) if so, the details of Sports Authority of India (SAI) initiatives and selection criteria therein;

(c) procedure of training and study programmes for the residential players;

(d) selection and training facilities to

district players who have talent and are qualified in different sports performance; and

(e) age-wise and category-wise vacancies in SAI training centres and proposal of Government to search talented players and to make them expert?

Progress made under Khelo India Programme

3333. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up and identified camps under the Khelo India Programme, if so, the number and details of the sports academies identified, State-wise;

(b) the details of manner in which athletes are selected for these camps and the number of athletes selected from each State in India; and

(c) the details of number of selected athletes who actually join and attend training camps at selected academies?

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