

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, January 7, 2019/Pausha 17, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Defence; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Earth Sciences;  
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Information and Broadcasting;  
Mines; Panchayati Raj; Parliamentary Affairs; Road Transport and  
Highways; Rural Development; Science and Technology; Shipping;  
Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;  
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Provisions of pensions for Short Service Defence personnel

2721. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1962, Government has maintained that pensions are being considered for Short Service Commissioned Officers, Emergency Commissioned Officers and Women Special Entry Scheme Officers in defence forces;

(b) if so, reasons as to why a monthly pension scheme for above officers has not been operationalised; and

(c) the specific timeline indicating when the serving persons would be able to avail pension, if such a scheme is being planned?

#### Suicide and fratricide cases in the armed cases

2722. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of suicide and fratricide cases in the armed forces during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has taken concrete steps to stop such incidents of such cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Transfer of defence property

2723. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 651 dated 17.12.2018 and to state:

(a) by when the legal vetting process will be completed;

(b) whether mutation will be done in successor's name, once the legal vetting process is completed; and

(c) whether there is any cut off date for submission of legal vetting process?

**Violation of labour laws in Arunachal Pradesh**

2724. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has been found to violate labour welfare laws in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) details of action taken by the Ministry to book the culprits for violation(s) of provision of Building and Other Construction workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, Equal remuneration Act, 1976, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 pertaining to health, welfare, safety facilities and bonus payable to the workers?

**Acquisition of bulletproof jackets for soldiers**

†2725. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of Companies which have been assigned orders for purchasing bulletproof jackets for the soldiers and by when these will be made available;

(b) whether 1,86,138 bulletproof jackets will be sufficient for the use of soldiers;

(c) if not, by when Government will take steps to purchase more bulletproof jackets for the use of soldiers; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

**The Defence India Startup Challenge**

2726. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has launched "The Defence India Startup Challenge" recently listing 11 problem statements;

(b) if so, details of the response received from various competitors; and

(c) the criteria for selection of startups?

**Status of women in Armed Forces**

2727. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) status of the induction of women in the infantry; and

(b) the details of the percentage of women working for armed forces in any capacity, including the posts of army doctors, pilots etc.?

**Funds for technological modernisation of armed forces**

2728. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of current scenario there is any proposal to provide latest technology to the Armed Forces of the country;

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

(c) whether Government has allocated funds for modernisation and upgradation of armed forces;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the details of funds utilised and the extent to which modernisation of armed forces have taken place?

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**Shortage of personnel in defence forces**

†2729. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of personnel in all the three defence forces of the country, if so, the manner in which Government would eliminate this shortage;

(b) by when the vacant posts would be filled in defence forces by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Contracts signed by armed forces under 'Make in India' programme**

2730. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contracts signed by the Indian Armed Forces under the 'Make in India' programme during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the projects and the names of the Companies which have been awarded the same;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is lack of work in the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL); and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

**Specialist officers in AFMS**

2731. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a shortage of specialists/

super-specialists in Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS);

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) details of steps taken by Government to ensure adequate availability of specialists/super-specialists in AFMS including setting up of more Armed Forces Medical Colleges across the country;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

**Abolition of posts of Army officers/soldiers**

†2732. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to abolish the posts of officers and soldiers in Army;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered this issue so far; and

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

**Staff strength of HAL**

2733. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff strength of the Government PSU, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is lowest in fifteen years;

(b) whether the situation has worsened due to non-filling of the vacancies, caused due to superannuations, retirement or otherwise; and

(c) whether there is any move to downsize the staff strength of HAL, if so, the reasons therefor?

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**Indigenous production of defence equipments**

2734. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) status of all orders, with the original date of delivery, placed before indigenous producers of defence equipment, including Defence PSUs;

(b) whether Armed Forces have raised any concerns regarding mechanism of order placement and delivery of orders placed, including quality, if so, details thereof and action taken therein;

(c) status of all orders, with the original date of delivery, placed before Ordnance Factories under the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB); and

(d) whether the Armed Forces or the OFB have raised any concerns regarding the mechanism for placing order and delivery of orders placed, including quality, if so, details thereof, and action taken therein?

**Installation of AMRIT plants**

2735. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposed Arsenic and Metal Removal Indian Technology (AMRIT) plants installed in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, as on date, district-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for AMRIT plants during 2017-18 and 2018-19, till date, State-wise and district-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of plants which have become operational in UP as on date, district-wise?

**Arsenic contamination in drinking water in U.P.**

2736. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1307 given in the Rajya Sabha on dated 30th July, 2018 and to state:

(a) the source of the data which states that 5,73,767 persons have been affected by Arsenic contamination in drinking water in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is aware that in Ballia and Lakhimpur Kheri districts only of Uttar Pradesh, more than 40 lakh population is affected due to Arsenic contamination in drinking water;

(c) if so, the rationale of such data; and

(d) the details of persons affected due to Arsenic contamination in drinking water in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

**Ground water pollution in U.P.**

†2737. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a survey under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the ground water in majority of districts of Uttar Pradesh

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has been found to be toxic in tests and rural people are forced to consume it through taps and suffer from various types of diseases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are many districts where ground water happened to be fit for drinking but has now become polluted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for ground water pollution and the steps taken to prevent it?

#### **Contamination of ground water**

†2738. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) details of the States in the country where Nitrate, Phosphate, Carbon poison, Polycyclic-Aromatic Hydrocarbon, Fluoride, boron element and Arsenic have been found in ground water and whether the quantities of these have been increasing continuously, thereby increasing water pollution; and

(b) the details of States/districts where water is polluted and drinking water is supplied through pipes and the number of remaining habitations in the country where water pipelines are yet to be laid?

#### **Construction of SBM toilets in Gujarat**

†2739. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in the State of Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) the amount of money sanctioned/ released/utilised for the construction of the said toilets in these districts during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the number of toilets proposed to be constructed in the districts of Gujarat under SBM in future?

#### **Status of National Rural Drinking Water Programme**

2740. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has missed its targets in providing access to potable piped water and drinking water for the rural population;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the performance of the programme in providing water connections to households *vis-a-vis* the year-wise targets during the last three years, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilised by Government for the programme during the said period?

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**Implementation of sanitation and drinking water schemes**

2741. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implements a number of drinking water and sanitation schemes in the country; and

(b) the names of the schemes, presently under implementation, funds approved, allocated, State-wise, during the last three years?

**Access to safe drinking water under NRDWP**

2742. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Government schools and anganwadi that have access to safe drinking water in the country under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) the percentage of rural habitations and population that have access to safe drinking water and potable drinking water by piped water supply under NRDWP;

(c) the percentage of rural households that have been provided household connections under NRDWP; and

(d) the number of people in the country who do not have access to safe drinking water near their homes?

**Construction of toilets under SBM (Gramin)**

2743. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G), since its inception and the number of people who have benefitted under SBM-G, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details of projects which are pending for more than three years along with reasons therefor?

**Drinking water crisis in the country**

2744. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is suffering from the worst ever water crisis in its history, as per a report published by National Institute for Transformation;

(b) if so, short term and long term policies adopted by Government to overcome this crisis;

(c) whether around 20,000 Indians die every year, due to lack of safe drinking water;

(d) whether Government has conducted any study on water scarcity in the country, in the context of rising population and available water supply and its demand in future, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether water scarcity has made any impact on GDP of the country, if so, the details thereof?

**IEC for behavioural change under SBM**

2745. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation on Information Education and Communication (IEC) for behavioural change under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), year-wise;

(b) whether there are mechanisms for monitoring and implementation of safety gear to ensure safety and clearance of twin-pit latrines, after human waste is left to decompose in it and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Behavioural change to increase use of toilets**

2746. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to mobilise behavioural change to increase usage of toilets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of allocation of funds towards Information Education and Communication activities under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin scheme, during the last three years?

**NRDWP for ensuring quality of ground water**

2747. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to ensure that rural habitations have access to safe drinking water;

(b) whether Government is aware of the high Arsenic contamination found in ground water in villages across several States; and

(c) if so, details of the fund allocation for water quality surveillance and monitoring?

**Minerals contamination of drinking water in rural areas**

2748. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 4.08 crore of rural population are at risk due to metallic contamination of drinking water viz Fluoride, Iron, Arsenic, Nitrate, Heavy metals etc. and salinity;

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

(c) whether Government has conceived any specially focused scheme for such habitations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Supply of piped water to rural population**

2749. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1618 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31.07.2018 and to state:

(a) the method by which the figure of 86.19 per cent of coverage of rural populations for piped water of the State has been arrived at, while only a small part of the State, in reality, gets the facility of piped drinking water in the State;

(b) the details of villages where piped drinking water is available in the State; and

(c) the details of pending utilisations of funds under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in the State, due to which further release of funds have been blocked?

**Allocation of funds to Swachh Bharat Mission**

2750. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated to Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-Gramin are much higher than the funds allocated to SBM-Urban, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has considered urban congestion and poverty, which can lead to higher health and environmental risk in urban areas, for division of the funds between SBM-Gramin and SBM-Urban, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government plans to increase the allocation of funds to SBM-Gramin and Urban?

**Allocation and utilisation of funds for IEC**

2751. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Swachh Bharat Mission guidelines, eight per cent of funds are to be utilised for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities, but allocation towards this component has remained in the one per cent to four per cent range only; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor and the details of the unutilised component of funds earmarked for IEC component and the reasons for non-utilisation thereof?

**Allocation of funds to A.P.**

2752. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/granted

under various schemes of the Ministry to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released under various schemes to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) the details of funds yet to be released/ due to the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the time-frame fixed by which these funds would be released to the State of Andhra Pradesh?

**Quality of drinking water**

2753. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any adequate mechanism exists, to measure the quality of drinking water in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any testing centres in the country to measure the quality of drinking water;

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

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Government to improve the quality of drinking water in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the water that is provided at the end level to the citizens of the country is tested by Government?

**Adequate water supply in SBM toilets**

2754. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate water supply is available for use in toilets built under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in the country;



(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, steps taken by Government to ensure proper availability of water for use in the toilets built under the SBM?

#### **Report on sanitation coverage**

2755. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages and the percentage of villages which have sanitation coverage in the country; and

(b) the details of findings of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development 2017-18 Report on this issue?

#### **Project proposal for fostering research collaborations**

2756. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had called research proposals in paleoclimates, sea level changes, CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, reactive nitrogen, phosphorus and carbon cycles, coral reefs and ocean acidification with reference to climate change during June, 2018;

(b) if so, total number of proposals received, approved, rejected, field-wise;

(c) if so, whether a project entitled 'Climate change database for impact assessment and development, adaption and mitigation options for Kerala: a multi disciplinary simulation and modelling' has been received on 11th June, 2018; and

(d) if so, the present status and steps taken to process the project, in the light of recent floods which occurred in the State of Kerala?

#### **Remote sensing satellite based research projects**

2757. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any specific remote sensing satellite-based projects, in the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai;

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

(c) the total amount allocated in the last three years for the project;

(d) whether Government has initiated any satellite-based project to predict occurrence of cyclones, earthquakes and Tsunami;

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

(f) the steps taken by Government for effective search operations to trace missing persons during the cyclones?

#### **Impact of pollution on production of foodgrains**

2758. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to impact of pollution, several species of living organisms are on the verge of extinction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has made any assessment of impact of pollution on nutrient quality of foodgrains resulting in increase in cases of malnutrition among children;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (d) the corrective measures taken by Government to save living organisms from extinction and minimise the impact of pollution on production of foodgrains?

**Long term strategy to tackle air pollution**

2759. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) as a long term time bound national level strategy to tackle the increasing problem across the country in comprehensive manner and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cities that have been selected for implementation of NCAP; and

(c) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has any plan to execute a nationwide programme to curb air pollution and if so, the details thereof?

**Eco-sensitive zones around National Parks**

2760. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has been directed to declare ten kms area around national parks as ecosensitive zones;

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

(c) whether Government will erect fencing to prevent intruders entering into the zones; and

(d) if not, details of other measures suggested to protect the zones?

**Mitigating impact of Climate Change**

2761. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) is a mechanism for encouraging nations to preserve their forests by giving an economic value to the carbon saved by stopping deforestation in developing countries and whether the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), has adopted in 2005, the objective of mitigating impact of climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net zero enhanced forest management in developing countries;

(b) number of States in India taking advantage of United Nations, REDD; and

(c) the manner in which Government is helping drought prone and deprived areas especially tribals of the country?

**Disappearance of hillocks from the Aravalli range**

2762. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

disappearance of hillocks from the Aravalli range and the number of hillocks that have disappeared so far;

(b) if so, the reasons of the disappearances thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to stop the oldest mountain range from disappearing and its conservation?

#### **Impact of oil spill**

2763. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil spill has polluted fragile coastal ecology and marine biodiversity;

(b) if so, the details along with ecological environmental impacts thereof and steps taken to clean up the damaged coast;

(c) whether oil spillage also affect mangroves and the fishermen;

(d) if so, whether there is a need to provide the compensation to affected fishermen;

(e) whether there is an urgent need to update the existing protocols to ensure better coordination among various agencies for on and off-shore impacts of oil spills; and

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

#### **Deaths due to air pollution**

†2764. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year more than ten lakh people in India die due to air pollution only;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check air pollution; and

(c) if not, the level of pollution in India and annual death rate due to it?

#### **WHO survey of polluted cities**

2765. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian cities are among the world's twenty most toxic cities, according to data from the World Health Organisation (WHO); and

(b) if so, the details about the cities and action taken for the same especially for the most populous cities in the list?

#### **Poaching of animals**

2766. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of animal poaching incidents in various parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to further strengthen the anti-poaching law and take other necessary steps to minimise animal poaching in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Steps to prevent occurrence of forest fires**

2767. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of forest fire incidents

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occurring in different parts of the country in the last three years;

(b) whether any steps are being planned by Government to prevent the occurrence of forest fires in different parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Checking of pollution in rivers and water bodies in urban areas**

2768. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether awareness campaigns were/are being conducted for checking pollution in rivers, dying marine ecosystems and degradation of environment in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) measures being taken towards reducing water pollution in rivers especially in urban areas?

#### **High pollution areas under NCAP**

2769. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government drawn a roadmap for National Clean Air Programme (NCAP);

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

(c) whether Government has identified any high pollution areas under the Programme;

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

(e) whether Government has prepared any graded action plan for implementation in high pollution areas; and

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

#### **CAAQM station for Odisha**

2770. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to expand the network of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (CAAQM) stations in Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Proposal to revisit CRZ plan**

2771. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to revisit the Coastal Regulation Zone Plan to give more leeway to States to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed changes to the CRZ Plan and the manner in which they are beneficial; and

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration of Ministry that in view of huge (1,000 kms.) coast line, Andhra Pradesh has huge tourist potential and the State is requesting long for further relaxing CRZ, 2011 regulations, apart from what is proposed by Minsitry?

#### **Steps to protect Bannerghatta National Park**

2772. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) details of steps taken by

Government to stop the abuse of the National Park considering the importance of Bannerghatta National Park to the biodiversity and Citizens of Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka;

(b) the reasons for reducing the area of Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around Bannerghatta National Park to 169.84 sq. km. in the draft notification dated 30.10.2018, from 268.96 sq. kms., as proposed in the previous draft notification dated 15.06.2016; and

(c) details of steps taken by Government to stop illegal mining and quarrying and disruptions to the Elephant Corridors around Bannerghatta National Park?

#### **Rejuvenation of lakes and groundwater in Bengaluru**

2773. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Central Government proposing to check the looming water crisis in Bengaluru due to groundwater depletion, and the destruction and pollution of the city's lakes;

(b) whether the Central Government allocated or released any funds under any schemes to Karnataka for the rejuvenation of lakes in Bengaluru; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Study to assess pollution from coal based power plants**

2774. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

any study to assess the pollution emanating from coal based power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the losses of life and property due to the pollution during last two years;

(c) whether those polluting power plants are not complying with the prescribed guidelines of Government and if so, the details thereof and since when these plants are not having pollution control equipment; and

(d) the effective steps taken by Government to check the pollution emanating from coal based power plants?

#### **Survey regarding emission of GHGs**

2775. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any survey regarding the emission of Green House Gases (GHGs) from different sources in the country;

(b) if so, date of publication thereof; and

(c) steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Measures to improve air quality**

†2776. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of Asthma patients is increasing continuously

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due to presence of poisonous air in different parts of country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any concrete and effective steps to check the same; and

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

#### **Steps taken by State Governments for climate protection**

†2777. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government had suggested State Governments to take steps, apart from Central policies in implementing action plans regarding climate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the required steps have been taken or are being taken in this regard by State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **WHO report on most polluted cities**

†2778. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a recent report of WHO, 14 most polluted cities of the world are in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the report, there has been continuous improvement in the above situation after 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pollution control in Delhi**

2779. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution level in the capital city of India has not been controlled, despite the strict provisions under Section 15 of Environment Protection Act, whereby a person who pollutes can get a punishment upto five years in jail;

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to instruct the Delhi Government to obey the honourable Supreme Court's verdict, on Government official, who fail to punish the polluters;

(c) by when will it implement the court's order;

(d) whether Central Government proposes to take any action taking into consideration the health of citizens of Delhi and nearby States?

#### **State Government's requests for artificial rain**

2780. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to allow the State Governments for creating artificial rain for various needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the need for artificial rain is felt, at times to clear the air pollution; and

(d) if so, the request received in this regard from the State Governments?

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**Acts for environmental protection of waterways and rivers**

2781. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite a number of prevailing Acts intended to protect India's waterways, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) have not ensured their effective implementation and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a more ecologically by sound approach towards environmental protection of flows of rivers is necessary; and

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

**Exemption in ESA limit in the Western Ghats**

2782. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has exempted 3,115 square kilometres of land in the Western Ghats in the State of Kerala, from regulations that are binding on Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA) set by Kasturirangan panel;

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

(c) whether Government has received any appeal to revise the ESA limit in the State of Kerala?

**Policy for recycling batteries**

2783. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated

a policy in order to decrease environmental impact of the product wherein manufacturers are required to recycle batteries of various kinds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated norms for specific disposal of dry batteries and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government against those manufacturers, who have violated norms pertaining to recycling of batteries during each of the last three years, year-wise?

**Dietary change for animals in the zoos**

2784. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some zoos in the country have decided to stop procurement of poultry meat and replaced it with additional quantities of beef and eggs daily to feed animals, mostly carnivores such as lions, tigers and panthers following outbreak of bird flu an airborne disease in some States, and other diseases like H5N1 virus;

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

(c) whether the staff has been vigilant and all possible steps have been taken to ensure safety of animals and birds in the zoos in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**E-waste policy**

2785. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any policy in place to regulate the electronic waste in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of e-waste produced, collected and recycled in the country during the last three years;

(d) whether Government is complying with the recognised international standards for the disposal of e-waste and the best practices followed for the same;

(e) whether any deaths have occurred in the last three years during the collection and subsequent disposal of e-waste in the country; and

(f) whether any steps can be taken to encourage proper e-waste disposal and recycling in the country?

**Consultation before environmental clearance for dam building**

2786. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects provided environmental clearance for dam constructions, during the past three years;

(b) if so, whether stakeholders of interstate rivers were consulted before providing environmental clearance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, on what consideration environmental clearances were provided?

**Elevated road in Bandipur forest**

2787. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the response of Government to the proposal for elevated road over the forest to overcome the ban on night travel on the Bandipur forest stretch of Calicut-Bangalore road;

(b) the status of the proposal, expected time of clearance and completion of the elevated road project;

(c) whether there is any difference of opinion between States of Kerala and Karnataka on the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there are any other options other than the overhead road proposed in this situation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Protection of lions in Gir Sanctuary**

2788. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many lions died at Gir Sanctuary in Gujarat recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deaths of lions at Gir Sanctuary in Gujarat is a very serious issue; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to save lions in Gujarat?

**Duration of Mann Ki Baat**

2789. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total time taken for broadcasts in All India Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) duration of time taken by programmes of Hon'ble Prime Minister, during the last three years; and

(c) duration of time taken by 'Mann Ki Baat' and its translation in all the languages?



**Publication and circulation of magazines**

†2790. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) total number of monthly magazines being published in various languages, on various subjects and which are registered with office of Registrar of Newspapers for India;

(b) the number of such magazines which are having a circulation of more than one lakh copies; and

(c) the details of their publishers and institutions, State-wise;

**EMMC project**

2791. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Ministries, Commissions and other constitutional institutions benefited by the services of Electronic Media Monitoring Centre (EMMC) project, of the Ministry;

(b) the proposed tenure of EMMC project;

(c) the steps taken/ being taken to ensure social security and welfare of the contractual employees of EMMC by Government; and

(d) whether 'Same Pay for Same Work' norms are being followed in the EMMC for the contractual employees, as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court?

**World Press Freedom Index**

2792. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has

been lowered by two ranks, from 136 to 138 in the World Press Freedom Index, 2018, compiled by 'Reporters without Borders';

(b) the number of cases that have been reported during the last three years about the attack on journalists, data of the cases, State-wise;

(c) the details of measures adopted by Government to ensure the security, safety and freedom of journalists; and

(d) whether Government has any policy currently to address the problems of workplace harassment, insecurity of jobs, disparity in pay faced by journalists?

**Setting up DDKs in Maharashtra**

2793. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) presently functioning in the State of Maharashtra, location-wise;

(b) main purpose behind setting up these DDKs in the State;

(c) whether these DDKs are helping the farmers of the State in adopting modern techniques of farming; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Misuse of word *dalit* by electronic and print media**

2794. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some TV channels are using the word '*dalit*'

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for victims, while reporting some incidents and some newspapers prominently identify the victim as *dalit* whereby suggesting that the perpetrator of crime is an upper caste person, by creating hatred among the various sections of Hindu community;

(b) whether Government is considering to take any action against such malicious reporting by TV/Newspaper journalists; and

(c) if so, details of the action taken during the last three years against such electronic and print media?

#### **Illegal mining of minerals**

2795. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of illegal mining of minerals, especially sand, in various States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with locations of illegal mining, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken or is taking any steps to stop such illegal mining and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has constituted any High Powered Committee to check the illegal mining and if so, the details thereof?

#### **DMF in Chhota Udaipur**

†2796. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Minerals Foundation (DMF) has been established in Chhota Udaipur region of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the work done so far under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana for the development of areas affected due to mining and for the welfare of the people in Chhota Udaipur region of Gujarat?

#### **Gold mines in India**

2797. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gold mines in India and the number of mines in operation;

(b) the name of owners of these gold mines and the State and locations of these mines;

(c) the total production of these mines and the country's annual gold consumption; and

(d) whether any prospecting activities are in progress and whether there is any possibility in the future for a gold mine in State of West Bengal?

#### **Regulation of mining in India**

2798. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any statutory establishment to look at and make policies for prospecting and exploration of minerals in India, if so, the details of the role played by the set-up;

(b) whether mining operations are regulated and whether any statutes in this regard are regularly updated or amended to keep pace with the times; and

(c) whether private sector involvement is allowed, including FDI in exploration and mining of minerals in the country?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Issue of mining licences**

†2799. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mining licences issued during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the mining areas, which were inspected during last three years to ascertain whether these were following environmental standards; and

(c) the details of the mining licenses issued in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and current year?

### **Illegal mining in Meghalaya**

2800. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mining continues unabated in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district, despite the orders of National Green Tribunal (NGT) banning it; and

(b) details of steps taken by Government to halt illegal mining in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills?

### **Effective functioning of Panchayats**

2801. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to bring rural staff and important local officials such as teachers, doctors, anganwadi workers, agricultural assistants, veterinary doctors, linemen of electricity and telephones departments dealing with the villagers, under the monitoring of Gram Sabha Scheme to ensure effective functioning of Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide funds to the Panchayati Raj Institutions, to improve their functioning and development of their workers in order to empower the Panchayats?

### **Funds under BRGF to Odisha**

2802. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts included by Government under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in Odisha by the Central Government;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to State Government under BRGF;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the instructions for inclusion of backward regions of Odisha; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Debates on judgement of Supreme Court**

2803. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any debates regarding judgments of the Supreme Court that have a large impact on the public at large in the Parliament which is one of the highest forums for reasoned deliberation;

(b) if so, the details thereof in both Houses of Parliament during the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any prohibition to discussion of the Supreme Court judgments in Parliament and if so, the rules of Parliamentary Procedure which prohibit discussion?

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### **Irregularities in construction of NH-29**

2804. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 731 dated 17th December, 2018 and Unstarred Question 1386 dated 30th July, 2018 and state:

(a) whether sandstone chips are permitted under contract agreement for four laning of NH-29 from Varanasi to Gorakhpur, Package-II;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons, for allowing it from kilometre 13 to 16.9 at Dubakiya, Varanasi and from kilometre 67 to 69.4 at Fateullapur, district Ghazipur; and

(d) the details of the findings of enquiry report of Authority Engineer/Supervision Consultant?

### **Construction of dividers on NH**

†2805. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for widening of the remaining national highways and construction of dividers on roads/in view of the increase in movement of heavy motor vehicles on the national highway limit by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Four laning of NH-31**

2806. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Minister had

announced four laning of NH-31 from Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh to Hajipur in Bihar two years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for four laning of NH-31 till date during 2017-18 and 2018-19, year-wise;

(d) the details of the work undertaken so far for four laning of NH-31, district-wise;

(e) whether Government is aware of the large number of potholes on NH-31 from Bharouli to Ballia City; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Airstrips on NHs**

2807. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to set up emergency landing airstrips on the National Highways across India;

(b) if so, the purpose and details thereof;

(c) the total cost in setting up of these airstrips;

(d) whether the work of site survey and inspection has been completed; and

(e) by when these airstrips are likely to be set up?

### **Ban on sale of liquor and alcohols alongside National Highways**

2808. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government has received any directions from Supreme Court to take steps to ban sale of liquor and other alcohols alongside highways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has initiated any steps in this direction; and

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

#### **Toll Plaza in Kanpur**

†2809. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Ministry would consider shifting Bara Toll Plaza at National Highway near Kanpur Dehat to a location near Sikandara, where toll was collected earlier as it is posing difficulties to local people in discharging their routine work;

(b) the numbers of toll plazas located in Kanpur Division at present and whether the norms of maintaining distance between two plazas are being followed there; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to allow free passage of local vehicles from this toll plaza so that local people do not face any harassment and are not financially burdened?

#### **Road accident data collection project**

2810. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to engage an expert entity for development and implementation of the road accident data collection project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the fully automated system will enable various agencies like police, PWDs, NHAI and State Transport Departments to enter details of a road accident from different angles such as investigation, road engineering, vehicle condition and driving licence validity to name a few; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of State roads in Tamil Nadu**

2811. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from State Government of Tamil Nadu for development of state roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has released any fund from Central Road Fund (CRF) cess;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Kadapa-Myydukur-Kurnool Highway**

2812. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kadapa-Myydukur-Kurnool of NH-18 in Andhra

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Pradesh was launched in 2010 and was to be completed by May, 2013;

(b) if so, the reasons that even after a lapse of five years this 188 kms. stretch of NH-18 has not been completed; and

(c) by when the stretch is going to be completed and the cost overrun of this project due to delays in its execution?

#### **Hill Road Safety Policy**

2813. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of increasing accidents in the hilly States of the country;

(b) details of additional safety measures put in place in hilly areas as compared to plain roads and the mechanism put in place to undertake audit of the same;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to come up with a Hill Road Safety Policy, as hilly terrains demand different consideration than roads in plain areas;

(d) if so, details and progress thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Cracks on NH-75**

2814. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaint regarding cracks appearing on four laning of Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-Piska More, Biju Para section on NH-75 from 0.00 km. to 34.00 km. in Jharkhand, which is still under construction; and

(b) whether Government has evolved

any mechanism to monitor/inspect the quality of construction work in NHs/roads, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Condition of State Road Transport Undertakings**

2815. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of State Road Transport Undertakings in last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the details about average staff productivity of State Transport Undertakings in last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the details about average occupancy ratio and vehicle productivity of the State Transport Undertakings in last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) the details about fleet strength of these State Road Transport Undertakings in last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(e) the total number of passengers carried by these State Road Transport Undertakings in last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise?

#### **Pending Highway Projects**

2816. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) length in kilometres of roads constructed by the National Highway Authority of India from March, 2009 to May, 2014;

(b) length in kilometres of roads added from May, 2014 till now, details thereof, State-wise;

(c) length in kilometres of roads for which contract have been awarded since May, 2014 till now;

(d) length in kilometres of roads which is still pending for bidding process and the total worth of these bids; and

(e) details of length in kilometres of roads pending for construction despite the bidding process being completed and the total worth of these projects, State-wise?

#### **NH projects in Karnataka**

2817. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 major National Highway projects are going to be completed before March, 2019, in Karnataka;

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

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

#### **Avoiding multiple driving licences**

2818. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started the deduplication drive to end the menace of one person having multiple driving licenses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to create a database of such people, to weed them out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Linking PUC data with VAHAN**

2819. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any instructions for linking Pollution Under Control (PUC) emission-related data with the VAHAN database in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court;

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

(c) whether Government has specified any timeline for implementation of linking PUC emission-related data with the VAHAN database; and

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

#### **One Time Investment Policy for roads in MP**

†2820. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads for which proposals have been received from Madhya Pradesh Government under One Time Investment Policy;

(b) if so, by when this would be approved; and

(c) if not, the reasons for pendency thereof?

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**Integrated road accident database project**

2821. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has finally kicked off the process of collecting details of road accidents in real time and also their causes, as is being done in developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an Information Technology (IT) based system for capturing accident data from across the country will have a mobile app, that can send alerts to the authorities;

(d) whether Government will set up an IT based system for collection of data under the Integrated Road Accidents Database project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Increasing cost of land acquisition**

2822. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average cost of land acquisition was about ₹ 80 lakh per hectare before January 1, 2015, which has now gone upto ₹ 3.6 crore per hectare;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of the total expenditure of ₹ 1,52,000 crore during the period of last four years, NHAI has spent ₹ 81,000 crore on land acquisition as against an expenditure of about ₹ 41,000 crore on civil works; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of NHs in West Bengal**

2823. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to construct new National Highways passing through the State of West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether Government has accorded sanction for construction of these New Highways; and

(c) if so, the details of expenditure to be incurred on their constructions?

**Execution of Machilipatnam-Avanigadda NH-216**

2824. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has embarked on execution of Machilipatnam-Avanigadda two-lane National Highway-216;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made and the present status of the project;

(d) the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government for early completion of the work?

**Lives lost due to non-use of seat belt**

2825. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in year 2017, 26,896 people lost their lives due to non-use of seat belts and 16,876 of them were passengers;



(b) whether Ministry maintains a data of the number of rear seat passengers who lost their lives due to non-use of seat belts, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage use of rear seat belts?

#### **Document in Digital format**

2826. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) whereby vehicle owners, may be allowed to present their documents like certificate of registration, insurance, fitness and permit, driving license, certificate for pollution under check and any other relevant documents, etc. in electronic format;

(b) whether vehicle owners can also show particulars relating to the Driving License or the Vehicle through the Parivahan app on the mobile through internet connectivity;

(c) whether Government has amended the Central Motor Vehicle Act in this regard to validate or impound documents in case, the citizens produce documents in electronic form; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Widening of Patna to Purnia NH**

†2827. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on widening of National Highway from Patna to Purnia

via Khagaria has not been completed and is causing problems in vehicular movement due to traffic jam; and

(b) by when the work of widening of National Highway would be completed?

#### **Regional ring road in Hyderabad**

2828. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has agreed in principle for construction of six-lane Regional Ring Road encircling Hyderabad and its Outer Ring Road;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project and by when it will be completed?

#### **Land acquisition for highway projects**

2829. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the higher payout has been one of the reasons that people are now more willing to give their land for highway projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has come out with detailed guidelines to streamline the process and address the ambiguities relating to land acquisition and details of process by which each stakeholder starting from consultants who prepare detailed project reports to engineers involved in the project, make the process of developing highways effective and less cumbersome; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Harit Rajmarg Scheme**

2830. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started planting trees on highway authority's land in Harit Rajmarg scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the plantations, State-wise?

### **Expansion of NH network**

2831. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had promised to double the length of the National Highways from 96,000 Kms. to 2,00,000 Kms. during its tenure;
- (b) the present status of the length of the National Highways; and
- (c) the length in kilometres of National Highways to be added in the coming year, *i.e.* by May, 2019?

### **Road projects in North Eastern States**

2832. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the project Government aimed at development of new roads in border areas of the country in general and Assam and North Eastern States in particular;
- (b) the estimated cost of expenditure incurred for the purpose in North Eastern States during the last three years; and
- (c) whether these projects were

completed within stipulated time and if not, the reason therefor?

### **Release of Central Road Fund for project in Tamil Nadu**

2833. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of Central Road Fund released/to be released to Tamil Nadu since 2014;
- (b) if so, amount of funds not provided which caused pendency of projects; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### **NH projects in Kerala**

2834. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned certain National Highways (NHs) and bypasses including ongoing projects in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the State roads declared as NHs during the last three years and current-year; and
- (c) the amount sanctioned for these projects, road-wise?

### **Data bank of accident videos**

2835. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is creating a bank of real accident videos that will be put in the public domain to raise awareness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that actual videos have greater impact on the mind than any other message;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government has started work to have a collection of verified videos of real road accidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Duplicate driving licences**

2836. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study done by National Informatics Centre in 2014, at least thirteen per cent of licences could be duplicates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to make any mechanism to control the menace of duplicate driving licences; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Repair of rural roads/bridges in Odisha**

2837. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several rural roads/bridges have been damaged and washed away due to floods in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from Odisha Government for grant of funds to repair/rebuild such flood damaged rural roads, and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) the details of funds released to

Odisha during the last three years, District-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to repair/rebuild the roads/bridges damaged due to floods in Odisha?

#### **Status of DDU-GKY**

2838. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who have got jobs through Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhaya-Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), in each quarter since 2014;

(b) the number of placements of skilled and trained persons under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM), in each quarter since 2014;

(c) whether there was a sharp fall in the number of placements in the quarter following demonetization and and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has analysed the impact on jobs and livelihoods in the rural sector and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Minimum wages in MGNREGA**

2839. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether MGNREGA wages in certain States are less than the minimum wages, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether Ministry will take steps to revise the wages upwards to align them with the minimum wages of individual States, or with Consumer Price Index (CPI), rural inflation index;

- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when the policy proposal will be made; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Repair of roads under Pradhan  
Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana  
(PMGSY)**

2840. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any parameter for construction and repair of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Status of SAGY**

2841. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) has not achieved its expected targets due to slackness on the part of State Governments and District Authorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of States which are implementing the SAGY effectively and have taken up development activities in a serious manner; and
- (d) number of villages adopted under SAGY and village development plans completed, State-wise?

**Green Technology in PMGSY**

2842. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is taking steps to promote Green Technology for Construction of Road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether any new idea/proposal have been received from State of Andhra Pradesh; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Status of PMGSY in Maharashtra**

2843. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of village roads constructed in the State of Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

- (b) whether all the villages including those located in remote areas in the State have been provided with road connectivity;

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

- (d) by when all the villages in the State are likely to be covered under PMGSY?

**Payment delays in MGNREGA**

2844. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether payment of MGNREGA wages have been delayed in any State between 2014-18, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

- (b) whether compensation has been provided in cases of such delay, if so, details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the MGNREGA wages in some States are illegally pegged at less than the minimum wages; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry will take steps to revise the wages upwards, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Agricultural employment**

2845. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of days of agricultural employment given to the rural workers throughout the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of agricultural workers among them; and

(c) the number of rural workers who are getting minimum wages in the country?

#### **Restoration of water bodies in rural areas**

2846. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special projects or schemes for restoration and rejuvenation of water bodies in rural areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount allocated in the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government has provided technological and financial support to the river restoration projects undertaken in rural areas of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**

2847. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects that are operational in Karnataka under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last two years;

(b) the total amount allcoated, released and expenditure incurred thereunder during the said period;

(c) the number of additional projects under consideration for sanction during the current year for Karnataka under PMGSY;

(d) whether any special relaxation in norms would be given considering recent rain and flood fury in the State of Karnataka; and

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

#### **Oneer-a safe drinking water device**

2848. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSIR—Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR), Lucknow has developed and innovative technology for Drinking Water Disinfection System under the Make in India Mission for continuous treatment of water, which eliminates all disease causing pathogens such as virus, bacteria, fungi, protozoa and cyst, to provide safe drinking water to domestic communities as per National and International standards prescribed for potable water set by BIS, WHO etc.;

(b) whether CSIR has also developed less polluting firecrackers named — SWAS, SAFAL and STAR for addressing the

pollution concerns and at the same time protecting the livelihoods of those involved in this trade; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Consultation on DNA Technology  
(Use and Application) Regulation  
Bill, 2018**

2849. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consultation was carried out during drafting of the DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2018, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) reasons as to why there is no linkage in the Bill, between Government's other cybersecurity projects and regulations and the present law?

**Impact of Sagarmala Projects**

2850. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted, or is aware of, any study on the impact of multiple Sagarmala Projects on coastal communities and ecology and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure safety of ten lakh citizens in North Chennai, who are susceptible to floods in Kosasthalaiyar river, due to the Kamrajur Port in Ennur, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Fertilizers Transport through  
Foreign Vessels**

2851. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to permit transportation of fertilizers through foreign vessels from one port to another in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the formalities to be followed under this system?

**Major port in Andhra Pradesh**

2852. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has informed Andhra Pradesh Government that it is not viable or feasible to establish a major port in Duggirajupatnam;

(b) the details of all such communications along with dates and contents;

(c) the details of the written response of the State Government to the above communications;

(d) whether it is a fact that an earlier study by RITES found Ramayapatnam to be a suitable location for setting up of a major port; and

(e) whether the agreement signed by Andhra Pradesh Government with Krishnapatnam promoters constrain Government in setting up a major port in its proximity, if so, the reasons therefor?

**India's assistance for construction of  
Sittwe Port**

2853. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sittwe Port in Myanmar constructed with India's assistance is ready for operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the total cost of the project;

(c) whether the port is aimed to facilitate connectivity between the main land and the North Eastern States of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and extent to which it would contribute to the economic development of the North Eastern States?

**Construction of Pancheswar dam on  
Sarada river**

2854. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct Pancheswar dam on river Sarada of the country, which is also popularly known as Mahakali river in Nepal;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any expert Appraisal Committee Report on the impact on environment and technical feasibility therefor;

(c) if so, whether Government has asked for views from Nepal Government therein; and

(d) the terms of references on water sharing and conditions of project with the counterpart in construction of mega-hydro project thereof?

**Water conservation fee for  
groundwater extraction**

2855. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Ground Water Authority has notified a water conservation fee that Industries will need to pay on groundwater extraction starting from June, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the industries extracting groundwater, including the mining dewatering units and those using groundwater from packaged drinking water, will also need to apply for a 'No Objection Certificate' from Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Agreement with contractor for  
Polavaram Project**

2856. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several works relating to Polavaram head works were awarded to new contractors without following due tendering process, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the cost of head works as per the original agreement with the contractor and revised cost of head works awarded to new contractor; and

(c) the value of work done in head works by old contracting company and payments already made to it and similar

value of works done by new contracting company and payment made to it till date?

**National status for Polavaram project**

2857. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Polavaram is the only National Project which has to be executed by Government and for which Government has constituted a Special Purpose Vehicle, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the irrigation projects which have been awarded National status and whether the Central or respective State Government is executing the project; and

(c) the details of funding pattern of those projects, including the Polavaram project?

**Depletion of groundwater level**

2858. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that groundwater level is depleting sharply, year by year, in the country due to indisciplined/over-exploitation of groundwater which is affecting the quality of groundwater and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the updated status of the action taken by Government in coordination with the State Governments to curb the indisciplined/over-exploitation of groundwater and to reverse the groundwater level depletion trend in the country;

(c) whether Government has constituted any Committee to frame guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cleaning of Ganga and Yamuna rivers**

2859. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in the action plans to clean the rivers Ganga and Yamuna; and

(b) whether there is any comparative report on pollution before initiating the action plan and after it?

**Online grant of NOC for groundwater extraction**

2860. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire process of grant of No-Objection Certificate (NOC) will be done online through a web based application system of Central Ground Water Authority;

(b) whether it is also a fact the rates would be levied depending on the location of the groundwater extraction point and amount of water being extracted;

(c) whether Government has a list of groundwater blocks; and

(d) whether these are classified as safe, semi-critical, critical and over-exploited, depending on the groundwater extraction data?



**Measures to save rivers from drying up**

2861. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of names of rivers in the country that have already dried up and the number of other rivers which are showing signs of drying;

(b) the reasons for decaying of rivers and its overall impact on ecology, environment, agriculture, drinking water and other aspect of socio-economic life; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to prevent drying of rivers and the outcome thereof?

**Rehabilitation and resettlement of displaced STs**

2862. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Report prepared by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes presented to Hon'ble President of India, a critical observations was made regarding improper rehabilitation and resettlement of displaced Scheduled (STs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that project affected people have been given land which is not cultivable and in some case livelihood has been deprived after rehabilitation;

(d) whether the Commission recommended for revision of compensation package; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry thereof?

**Allocation of under NGP**

2863. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation and expenditure under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP) since 2014, year-wise; and

(b) the details of funds received as proceeds from sales from the Namami Gange?

**Implementation of Namami Gange Programme**

2864. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects sanctioned under Namami Gange Programme (NGP), the details of total budget allocated and the amount spent so far under the project;

(b) the total number of projects that have been completed under NGP and by when the remaining project are likely to be completed, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the names of PSUs and the amount spent by them on the projects under NGP, the details thereof;

(d) the names of rivers whose basin area has been cleared for conservation and continuous flow of rivers; and

(e) the amount spent along with the details thereof?

**World Bank assistance for Atal  
Bhujal Yojana**

2865. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has approved ₹ 6,000 crore under the Atal Bhujal Yojana proposed by the Ministry;

(b) whether geographical priority areas been identified under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to ensure active community participation under this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Allocation for NGP**

2866. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated and number of projects sanctioned under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP) since its inception;

(b) the number of new sewage treatment plants sanctioned and steps being taken to improve the infrastructure in the existing ones; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by the Ministry for the surface cleaning of the Ganga river and prevention of the practise of open defecation in villages on the banks of the Ganga?

**Cleaning of Ganga between Kanpur  
and Haridwar**

†2867. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Namami Gange Programme (NGP) has spent a large amount of resources without substantial results, according to people residing near the river;

(b) whether water of Ganga is getting dirtier day-by-day, especially between Kanpur and Haridwar;

(c) whether small factories in towns are discharging untreated waste directly into the river;

(d) if so, whether these factories are being permitted to conduct their operations and they have not been closed as yet; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to fix the mismanagement of NGP?

**Punitive action against Ganga river  
pollution**

†2868. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to take punitive action against those who pollute Ganga river;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government so far; and

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

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### **Desiltation of rivers**

2869. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government for desiltation of rivers in the country;

(b) whether Government is planning for desiltation of rivers Damodar and Ganga/ Hoogly;

(c) the details of steps Government has taken for desiltation of the flood prone West Bengal;

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to forecast floods and rehabilitation post floods in the State of West Bengal; and

(e) the steps taken for desiltation of flood prone rivers in the North India?

### **Guidelines by BCCI to Indian players to play in foreign leagues**

2870. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and BCCI have any guidelines or norms regarding participation of Indian players in foreign sports leagues;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of permission given to the cricket players for the same during last three years;

(c) if not, whether there is any specific guideline for giving permission to the current players to participate when no international tournament is going on; and

(d) details about the norms to recognise new international leagues for allowing them

to ensure participation of Indian cricket players?

### **Pension to sportspersons**

2871. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that pension given to sportspersons who won medals at Olympics and World Cup/World Championships is too meagre;

(b) when were the pension to above sportspersons last revised;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revise the pension to above sportspersons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Leadership development among youth**

2872. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has devised any campaign targeted towards increasing leadership skills amongst the youth of India;

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

(c) the details of the programmes undertaken by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), which aims towards leadership development;

(d) whether Government has plans to expand the model of RGNIYD throughout India and impart leadership development training to students of higher secondary level; and

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

### **Training of sports women**

†2873. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sports women in the country are not getting support for their training from Government, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) details of types of support provided by Government to the sports women for their training; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

### **PCB's compensation claim against BCCI**

2874. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICC's Dispute Resolution Panel ordered Pakistan to pay 60 per cent of the cost demanded by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) after the world body's rejection of the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) compensation claim against India for failing to honour a Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral cricket and also announced the costs award for the two Boards;

(b) if so, details thereof and reasons as to why BCCI could not make it clear to the PCB that it was a bilateral cricket and not a Memorandum of Understanding; and

(c) by when Pakistan will pay 60 per cent of the costs demanded by the BCCI?

### **Construction of playgrounds in country**

†2875. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to establish an institutional system to control the standardisation and quality of the playgrounds in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of proposal received, during last three years and in current year to build and develop playgrounds, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) details of action Government proposes to take on these proposals; and

(e) total number of playgrounds constructed and developed in last three years and in current year in Uttar Pradesh?

### **Sports infrastructure in U.P.**

2876. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create modern sports infrastructure in the country, particularly, in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Availability of funds for youth and sports activities among girls**

2877. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient funds are made

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available for youth and sports activities among girls in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds spent by Government for promotion of sports among girls as compared to boys during the last three years; and

(c) the names of sports, in which women teams have represented India internationally?

#### **Khelo India programme**

†2878. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the role and findings of Khelo India in inculcating and selecting merit in national and international sports and expansion of related programmes; and

(b) details of action plan with regard to decisions taken so far to ensure participation of educational institutions in Khelo India programme?

#### **Leadership development of youth**

†2879. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH

AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the programmes organised for leadership development in order to ensure participation of youth in social and public fields and to make them responsible citizens;

(b) the details of amounts spent and achievements made during last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of future action plan for its expansion?

#### **Development of sports in Uttar Pradesh**

2880. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports complexes established or fully funded by Government in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the statistics regarding the major International achievements in sports from the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of financial aid to sportspersons from underprivileged background; and

(d) initiatives taken by Government to promote sports at village and block levels?

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